Reagan finds support for SDI tests

WASHINGTON (R) -- President Ronald Reagan told the U.S. Congress on Wednesday that a State Department study shows the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile IABM) treaty does not bar testing of sophisnicated components of his "star wars" programme. The snudy, by the State Department's legal adviser Abraham Sofaer, affirms the Reagan administration's position that the so-called broad interpretation of the treaty is correct. White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater, announcing the finding, told reporters that no decision had yet been made to enter into a new phase of research on the strategic defence initiative (SDI), as "Star Wars" is formally called. The broad interpretation of the U.S.-Soviet ABM treaty has been disputed by former officials who helped negotiate the pact and by the chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, Sam Nunn. The House of Representatives on Tuesday voted to cut SDI funding to \$3.1 billion for the year that starts on Oct. 1. Mr. Reagan had sought \$5.7 billion (See page 8).

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Israeli coalition

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Peres calls on Shamir to res-

TEL AVIV (Agencies) — Israel's inner

cabinet failed to reach agreement on

Wednesday over proposals for an interna-

tional Middle East peace conference, leaving

Foreign Minister Shimon in half... I did not formally pre-

porters: "The cabinet is divided cabinet majority for Mr. Peres'

ple decide

the coalition government in disarray.

peace conference

Price: Jordan 100 fils; Syria 1 pound; Lebanon 1 pound; Saudi Arabia 1.50 riyals; UAE 1.50 dirhams; Great Britain 25 pence

U.N. senators want to close PLO offices

WASHINGTON (R) — Legislation which labels the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) as a "terrorist" organisation and which would close two PLO offices in the United States was introduced in the U.S. Senate on Wednesday. "Neither one be-longs in this country," said Sena-tor Charles Grassley, one of three senators sponsoring the measure. it's time they were closed." Mr. Grassley, Senate Republican leader Bob Dole and Senator Frank Lautenberg want to shut down the PLO information centre in Washington and the PLO observer mission to the United Nations.

ADC launches moves against offending movie

WASHINGTON (AP) - An organisation of Arab Americans is launching a protest against the move "Ishtar," calling it an affront to every Muslim. The film, scheduled for release later this week, is about two American songwriters travelling through the Middle East with a blind camel. It stars Dustin Hoffman, Isabelle Adjani and Warren Beatty. "The movie contains every stereotype you have ever heard about the subject, including bumbling Arabs and camels," said Faris Bouhafa, director of public relations for the American Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee

Reagan to name Horan as envoy to Saudi Arabia

WASHINGTON (R) President Ronald Reagan is to nominate career diplomat Hume Horan, a Middle East and North Africa veteran, as ambassador to said Wednesday. Mr. Horan, 52, formerly served in diplomatic posts in Iraq, Lebanon, Libya, Jordan and Saudi Arabia. He was ambassador to Cameroon and equatorial Guinea and Sudan.

Recipient of contra money faces charges

ZURICH (R) — A major Swiss bank said Wednesday it was pres-sing embezzlement charges against a Geneva-based businessman who accidentally received \$10 million destined for Nicaraguan rebels last August. But the Swiss justice ministry said the man was not implicated in the Iran-contra affair now under congressional investigation in Washington. Credit Suisse, the bank which received the funds, said it was lodging charges against the man. who subsequently transferred the money to another Geneva bank, where it still remains frozen by authorities. Justice sources named the bank as Banque Paribas (Suisse) SA.

Peace groups meet in Moscow

MOSCOW (R) — Peace groups from 40 countries met in Moscow on Wednesday to discuss ways of improving international security and preventing war. Officials from the non-governmental Soviet Peace Committee told Reuters delegates would discuss military, political, economic and humanitarian aspects of world security.

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the radio added.

they describe as a minority clique | more than 7,000 troops moved

ideas meant he could no longer seek to promote a conference sponsored by the United Nations. ign but Likud refuses to budge The foreign minister does not

have the mandate to work on an international level for the international conference," Mr. Shamir said in a statement.

"It is my opinion that the national unity government could and should continue. Let us make every effort to overcome the rifts that have widened in recent

But Mr. Peres vowed to continue his campaign, saying: "There was no decision to prevent me."

One must go to the people in a democratic state and let the peo-Mr. Peres' Labour Party, in a statement, demanded that Mr. Prime Minister Yitzhak Sha-Shamir resign. Mr. Peres claims he has the

mir, whose right-wing Likud bloc rejects the proposed conference, agreement of Jordan, Egypt and dismissed the call for elections. the United States on an interna-He said the absence of a

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Arab states reportedly agree to hold Riyadh summit in September

sent a proposal because the out-

come was clear from the start.

AMMAN (J.T.) — Arab counjoint efforts by Algeria, Libya tries have agreed to hold the 13th and the Soviet Union to remove Arab summit in Riyadh at the beginning of September, a senior Arab League official was quoted as saying Wednesday.

Peres, who has pressed for a

peace conference as the only path

to direct talks with the Arabs.

postponed his planned departure for the United States Wednesday

night and called for early general

After a session of the 10-man

inner cabinet lasting more than

three hours, Mr. Peres told re-

The Al Khaleej daily of Dubai quoted the official, who it said asked not to be identified, as settled, according to the official. saying that efforts to hold the ich has been repeatedly postponed since 1983, had dent Hafez Al Assad and Iraqi achieved limited results but that President Saddam Hussein held a these results were sufficient for a conference to be held.

official said, remained Syrian-

the obstacle.

Other inter-Arab differences, including disputes between Syria and Iraq and the Western Sahara conflict involving Algeria and Morocco, are beginning to be

Al Khaleej quoted the official meeting arranged by His Majesty King Hussem. The official said it The main obstacle in the face was a matter of time before Libya

of efforts to hold the summit, the and Iraq resumed relations.

but that Algerian President Chadli Benjedid and King Hassan II of Morocco, who beld a border summit under Saudi aegis earlier this month, had agreed to avoid military confrontation and on the need to hold the 13th Arab summit.

The official's statement follows a flurry of diplomatic efforts launched by King Fahd of Saud Arabia to settle inter-Arab differences and bring the Arab leaders together in a summit in Riyadh.

was a matter of time before Libya and Iraq resumed relations.

The official said that there had

The last regular Arab summit was held in Fez, Morocco, in 1982. An extraordinary summit Palestinian differences. However, the official said he expected question of the Saharan conflict, co, in August 1985.

McFarlane: Reagan encouraged contra aid and was briefed often

foreign governments.

the contras.

WASHINGTON (R) - Presi- ing that funds from secret sales of sir." dent Ronald Reagan frequently encouraged his aides to help Nicaragua's "contras" and was briefed in detail on rebel operations at a time U.S. military aid was banned, former National Security Adviser Robert McFar-

lane said Wednesday. In his third day of testimony at congressional hearings on the Iran-contra scandal, Mr. McFarlane also said he believed that assistance to the rebels from the White House National Security Council (NSC) or any other U.S. intelligence agency was against

Mr. McFarlane said Mr. Reagan often urged bim, as head of the NSC, to provide unspecified help to the contras. He said he gave the president briefings on contra developments on dozens

Mr. Reagan has denied know-

SPLA claims downing plane

NAIROBI (R) - Rebels in southern Sudan said Wednesday their guerrilla forces shot down a Hercules transport plane of the Sudanese air force carrying two platoons of troops near the south-western town of Wau on

The radio of the rebel Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA), monitored in Nairobi. said SPLA anti-aircraft guns hit the Hercules C-130 as it was about to land at Wau airport,. 1,000 kilometres southwest of the

The rebels, most of whom are from the southern Dinka tribe, say their aim is to overthrow what

U.S. weapons to Iran, made in Mr. Boland pressed Mr. hopes of freeing American hos-McFarlane on cash diversions to tages in Lebanon, had been di-verted to help the contras and the contras and provision of intelligence information only days that money for the rebels was after the law took effect. solicited by U.S. officials from

Mr. McFarlane said he briefed Mr. Reagan in detail on the status Mr. McFarlane, who tried to of the contras dozens of times, providing him intelligence reports commit suicide in February in distress over his role in the Iran on operations in the field, scandal, was replying to questions changes in personnel and attifrom Congressman William Botudes in Congress towards the land, author of the law that rebels.

sharply curbed official U.S. aid to Boland asked: "How Mr. many times did the president Mr. Boland asked Mr. McFarmention his desire that something lane: "Based on your reading of be done to help the contras? Was the... Boland amendment, in that often to you?" effect from October 1984 to De-

Mr. McFarlane: "Yes sir." 'Did you ever give the president reports on what you and assistance to the contras by a member of the NSC or any other your staff were doing to carry out intelligence agency have been

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Mr. McFarlane replied: "No Carbomb kills Syrian soldier in W.Beirut

Wednesday causing the first Syrian troop casualties since city's mainly Muslim western sector in February.

cember 1985, would any type of

Police said one Syrian soldier was killed and two soldiers were wonnded as they tried to defuse the car bomb near a sandbagged post 200 metres from the Bain Militaire, a Lebanese army beach club which is now a main Syrian

base. The Voice of the Homeland radio said eight people, including four Syrian soldiers, were wounded. It said the Syrians detained

several people for questioning. No group claimed responsibility for the blast, the second carbomb attack on the Syrians since Muslim north of Sudan: | curb militia violence.

"Lebanese Forces" militia con-Damascus sent soldiers into the trolling east Beirut describes the Syrian force as an occupation

> tervene by Prime Minister Rashid Karami and other Muslim leaders who saw action by Damascus as the only way to stop fierce street battles between leftist militias.

> was quitting because his threeyear-old "national unity" govern-ment had failed to end Lebanon's 12 years of civil war or tackle its economic crisis.

Mr. Gemayel has not yet announced whether he will accept the resignation of the pro-Syrian Mr. Karami, apparently awaiting the outcome of talks his envoys ruling in the mainly Arab and into west Beirut on Feb. 22 to plan to bold in Damascus on Thursday.

King visits Baghdad for talks with Iraqi leader

AMMAN (J.T.) — His Majesty King Hussein and Iraqi President Saddam Hussein discussed means to settle inter-Arab differences and consolidate Arab solidarity during a visit the monarch paid to

Baghdad Wednesday evening. The Jordan News Agency, Petra, said the two leaders' talks also covered the latest developments in the Iran-Iraq warfront and Jordanian-Iraqi relations. It said the King's visit to Baghdad and his talks there came within the framework of continuing consultations and coordination between Jordan and Iraq.

The meeting between the two leaders were attended on the Jordanian side by Prime Minister Zaid Rifai, Royal Court Chief Marwan Al Qasem, Court Minister Adnan Abu Odeh and Armed Forces Commander-in-Chief General Sharif Zaid Ibn Sbaker as well as the Kingdom's ambas-

sador to Iraq. On the Iraqi side the talks were attended by First Deputy Prime Minister and member of the Revolutionary Command Council Taha Yassin Ramadan, Defence Minister Adnan Khairallah, Minister of Culture and Information Latif Nseif Jassem, the Iraqi ambassador to Jordan and Ahmad Hussein, head of the presidential

The Iraqi president hosted an iftar in honour of the King Wednesday. It was attended by the delegation accompanying the King and senior Iraqi officials.

The King and the delegation accompanying him were met upon arrival in Baghdad and seen off upon departure by President Hussein and senior Iraqi officials.

His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan and senior officials were at band in Amman to see off the King and receive him upon



His Majesty King Hussein is received by Iraqi President Saddam Hussein upon his arrival in Baghdad for a short visit |Petra photol

his return home later the visit, Wednesday.

Upon his return home, the King sent a cable to President there were another link in the

accorded to him and the delega-

The King said in the cable that his visit to Baghdad and talks Hussein for the warm hospitality continuing consultations and coordination between the two tion accompanying him during countries.

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Iraqi planes bomb refineries deep inside Iranian territory

BAHRAIN (Agencies) - Iraq said its warplanes attacked oil refineries deep inside Iran on. Wednesday after weeks of shortrange strikes on military and industrial targets.

A Baghdad war communique said the planes bit refineries at Esfahan, central Iran, and at Tabriz, in the northwest, where they also knocked out a Hawk anti-aircraft missile base. Iran acknowledged the raids,

saying they had caused damage and injuries. It was the first time Iraqi war-

planes had attacked targets in major Iranian cities since Feb. 19. when Baghdad announced a temporary balt to devastating bombing raids as part of a peace plan to end the Gulf war. Although Wednesday's raids

were on two of Iran's biggest cities, Baghdad said they were

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JEDDAH (Agencies) - U.S.

envoy Richard Murphy arrived in

Saudi Arabia on Wednesday on

the sixth leg of an Arab Gulf tour

to discuss the Iran-Iraq war and

Mr. Murphy, a former ambas-sador to Saudi Arabia and now

assistant secretary of state for Near East and South Asian

affairs. flew in from Kuwait

where he told reporters that U.S.

policy on the Palestine Liberation

Organisation (PLO) remained

Mr. Murphy also said he had a

"I passed by Mr. Besharati. I

was in a car leaving (UAE Presi-

Nahayan's) farm... at five mi-

nutes to 10 a few nights ago,

moving slowly about five miles an

"I was moving slowly about

five miles an hour in the other

direction. So our conversation was limited."

The Kuwaiti daily Al Rai Al

Aam attributed its report to in-

formed senior sources in Abu

Dhabi, where Mr. Murphy ar-

rived from Oman last Saturday

on the second leg of his Gulf tour.

and Kuwait and will go on to Bahrain from Saudi Arabia. He is

expected to end his tour in Jor-

dan, which was not included in

his original intinerary, Reuter

In a press conference in Kuwait

on Tuesday, Mr. Murphy firmly

ruled out a role for the PLO in

Arab-Israeli peace talks unless it

He has also visited Iraq, Qatar

the Middle East conflict.

Iranians

directed at specific oil targets. Iraq said its aircraft also hit Iranian military camps near the Iran-Iraq border and a vessel off Iran in the northern Gulf.

Shipping sources in the region were not able to confirm that any vessel had been attacked in the waterway.

Iran: 'Missiles ready'

Meanwhile, the head of Iran's navy, Commodore Mhammad Hussein Malekzadegan, said his forces bad emplaced anti-ship missiles in the Gulf and the Strait of Hormuz, at the entrance to the waterway, which were ready for

Washington said earlier this year Iran had established bases for Chinese-made Silkworm anti- of its oil tankers to sail under the

Strait of Hormuz which separates Iran and Oman. The Iranian news agency

Malekzadegan as saying in a speecb at a Tehran mosque that the Iranian navy had formed a "quarantine belt" in the Gulf and in the Gulf of Oman. He said the navy was 'decisively intercepting ships passing

through the Strait of Hormuz, regardless of the flag they were flying or their nationality. The commodore said only lit-

toral countries of the Gulf should be concerned with the waterway's The United States, the Soviet Union, France and Britain main-

tain warships in the Gulf. Kuwait plans to transfer som

ship missiles near Bandar Abbas, American flag to deter Iranian an Iranian naval base on the attacks. Egypt urges PLO to ensure role in peace talks

ak said Wednesday the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) risked "missing the train" if it did not find a way to participate in an international Middle East peace

"The conference is our last chance to solve the Palestinian cause... I urge the PLO to find a way to participate in the conference so we can move before we miss the train," he said.

Ameriya, near Alexandria. In Cairo Tuesday night, Mr. Mulirak and His Majesty King Hussein discussed the moves to-

"close" encounter with Iranian officials during his visit to the United Arab Emirates earlier this week, but denied holding secret A Kuwaid newspaper reported Tuesday that Mr. Murphy met Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister Ali Mohammad Besharati for

Mr. Mubarak was speaking during a tour of factories in

wards an international peace conference on the Middle East Mr. Mubarak's top political

adviser, Osama Baz, told reporters the two leaders stressed the need for consensus among Arab countries bordering Israel -Syria, Egypt, Jordan and promise to fulfil its pledges."

The Jordan News Agency quoted Dr. Baz as saying the talks covered efforts to convene the conference and to end the Iran-Iraq war, as well as on strengthening bilateral ties. Petra quoted Dr. Baz as saying

a general Arab agreement and complete understanding was needed to exploit the current favourable atmosphere worldwide for convening the confer-

As to whether it should provide a framework or its resolutions should be binding on the parties involved, Dr. Baz said: "These are matters of technical details which could be decided upon at a subsequent stage."
He added: "What is important

is to agree on principles, and as at any international conference. solutions and views cannot be imposed on the participants... the important thing is that agreement between concerned parties should be reached directly an willingly and that every side

Arabs for 6 months IRNA quoted Commodore OCCUPIED

Israelis

(Agencies) — Israeli occupation authorities on Wednesday detained two West Bank Palestinians accused of incitement and throwing stones at Israeli cars, and ordered them held for six months without trial.

Khaled Mahmoud Ahmed Abed Abdullah, 23, and Sami Yunes Abdul Hamid Sbahine, 19, are both from the Dheisheh refugce camp near Bethlehem. Israeli authorities at the camp have issued similar orders to detain two other residents this

week. Another six refugees in the camp were arrested earlier this month.

Mr. Abdullah and Mr. Shahine, along with the others arrested this week, are suspected of connections with the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) group, an army spokesman said.

A Canadian woman tourist was slightly injured on Wednesday when Palestinian youths threw stones at a tourist bus in the West Bank town of Jericho, police

One Arab was arrested after the attack in the ancient town. Earlier, an Israeli army spokeswoman said a Palestinian who allegedly hurled stones at Israeli troops in the West Bank overnight fell and broke his knee while fleeing from the soldiers. Two other Palestinians were

arrested after the army chase in the town of Jenin, she said. Their detention sparked an anti-Israeli demonstration which the army dispersed by firing rubber bullets at the crowd and several live rounds in the air, the spokeswoman said.

In a separate incident, a petrol bomb was thrown at an Israeli vehicle Tuesday night in Beit Sahur. The bomb missed its target and no one was hurt, the

Cairo closes Iranian office, says was close to him," he said. "He Tehran funded extremist group dent Sheikh Zayed Ibn Sultan Al

CAIRO (R) - Egypt ordered The majority of Egypt's Muslims murder. two Iranian diplomats to leave are Sunnis, unlike Iran where the country and closed their. Shi'ite Muslims predominate. office in Cairo after uncovering an extremist Muslim group funded by Tehran, security sources said Wednesday.

They said the Foreign Ministry cited "non-diplomatic activities" in its expulsion order served on Tuesday. The government would soon reveal details of the underground group, they said.

Egypt and Iran do not have diplomatic relations and a spokesman at the Iranian interests section of the Swiss embassy declined to comment.

He told Reuters earlier that resident Iranian diplomat Mahmoud Mobtadi and another Iranian employee had been given seven days to leave the country. Islamic fundamentalism has

been increasing in Egypt but is not of the brand influenced by Iran's revolutionary leader,

Avatollah Ruhollah Khomeini.

The security sources said the existence of the underground group was discovered during investigations into an attack last Tuesday on former Interior Minister Hassan Abu Basha.

But they stressed that the group was not implicated in the assassination attempt, which wounded Mr. Abu Basha in the leg and hand.

Police have arrested two prime suspects in the case. The government has not openly accused a particular organisation of responsibility, although Cairo newspapers have hinted that the banned Jibad group may be involved.

Jihad was held responsible for the assassination of President Anwar Sadat in 1981 and Mr. Abu Basha, interior minister from 1982 to 1984, was responsible for rounding up Muslim fundamentalists accused of the

The Muslim brotherhood, battned but officially tolerated by the government as representing a more moderate brand of Islamic fundamentalism, denounced the

attack on Mr. Abu Basha

The Brotherhood won 35 seats in parliament in elections last month through an alliance with the centre left Socialist Labour

Cairo maintained close ties with Tehran until the 1979 Islamic revolution which toppled the late Shah, who lived in exile in

Egypt until his death in 1980. An article by Iraqi President Saddam Hussein appeared in all Egyptian newspapers on Tuesday dealing with the rise of Muslim fundamentalism in the Arab

World. In the article, President Hussein said that not all forms of Islamic fundamentalism could be attributed to Ayatollah Khomeini and his teachings.

 Amnesty calls on Iran to end torture and execu-

Local firms launch first

capital Khartoum. The incident occurred at 9 a.m.

> The radio said the two platoons were going to Wau as reinforcements but it gave no indication of the casualty toll.

BEIRUT (Agencies) — A carbomb exploded near a Syrian Beirut was condemned by Presiarmy base in west Beirut on dent Amin Gemayel as unconsti-Wednesday causing the first Sy-tuoonal and the mainly Christian

The Syrians were asked to in-

On May 4 Mr. Karami said he

renounced violence and accepted Israel's "right to exist." (Continued on page 3)

ALEXANDRIA (Agencies) — *
Egyptian President Hosni Mubar-

conference. President Mubarak told reporters he was not setting conditions for PLO participacion.

Amnesty calls on Iran to end torture, executions

LONDON (Agencies) — Amnesty International said Wednesday it had overwhelming evidence that Iran tortured and executed religious and political dissi-

The London-based human rights organisation appealed to Iran's Islamic authorities to end torture, halt punishments designed 10 kill, cause intense pain or result in mutilation, and bring laws and practices into line with international standards.

Amnesty said in a report and briefing on Iran that it could not give precise number of those detained because it had not been allowed into the country since Avatollah Ruhollah Khomeini and his Islamic fundamentalist supporters seized power in 1979.

But it said a wide range of sources, including official gazet-tes and news reports and "hundreds of reports" of torture from former prisoners and prisoners' relatives had enabled it to document a continuing long-term pattern of ahuses.

Amnesty said it had recorded 115 executions in 1986, hut believed this was well below the true total, as many executions had been carried out in secret and were not officially acknowleged.

Beatings on the feet, lashings with leather whips and steel rope, and being hung by the arms or wrists were also widely used to torture detainees in Iranian jails,

it said. Those imprisoned included alleged members and supporters of opposition groups, members of ethnic minoritles and members of the Baha'i faith. Amnesty said many were teenagers at school when arrested.

The organisation pointed out that it had worked on behalf of some of those now in power when they had suffered abuses under the rule of the previous regime of Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi, and said it was "particularly sad they now appear insensitive to humanitarian appeals on behalf

Amnesty also expressed concern about "inhuman and cruel" punishments for petty criminals, including stoning to death which can be prescribed for va-rious sexual offences, amputa-tion, which is imposed for repeated theft, and floggings.

Kissing hy an unmarried couple is punishable by up to 99 lashes, and amnesty said it had received reports of pregnant women who had miscarriages after being

An Iranian embassy spokes-man in London said Amnesty's claims were not true. There was no torture in Iran, he said, and torture was in any case against Islamic Law.

He agreed that floggings, amputations and stonings did occur, but said they were carefully regulated by Islamic Law. He hlamed Western misunderstanding of Islamic culture, which he said was "very difficult to ex-

Amnesty said it recognised Iran's right to hase laws on its social, cultural and religious traditions, but these laws had to accord with the country's human rights obligations.

Amnesty said it had not received a response to two memoranda sent to Tebran in 1986 asking for hetter protection of human rights in Iran.

Amnesty said at least six men and two women were stoned to death in 1986 and the authorities were using a specially devised electric guillotine for cutting off prisoners' fingers.

More than 6,400 sentences of hysical punishment were passed in Tehran alone in the I2 months up to March 1987, according to

figures released by the authorities nearly 1,100 were floggings imposed for sexual and alcoholrelated offences.

Amnesty International said it also wanted an end to arbitrary arrest and unfair trials of political prisoners which were "making a mockery of justice in Iran." Most such trials were secret

and lasted only a few minutes even though they might result in sentences of death or long terms of imprisonment. Often the accused did not know the charges against them until they appeared in court and Amnesty International knows of no political case before a revolutionary court in which the accused has been allowed to have a lawyer. In some cases the verdicts are kept secret - and there is no right of appeal.

A recurring image in the many testimonies gathered, says Amnesty International, is of rows of Evin Prison detainees sitting on the floor hlindfolded, with swollen and hleeding feet.

Over 200 people have been executed because of their religion, most of them Baha'is. Youngsters under 1g have been executed in defiance of international law - Amnesty International says it received reports that children as young as 11 were executed in 1981 and 1982.

Most executions are by hanging or firing-squad. Stoning to death is prescribed for various sexual offences and is deliberately designed to cause pain to the victim before death --- by law the stones used must not be "too large, in case the person dies after being hit by one or two of them,

Mujahedeen fighters report killing 200 Iranian Guards

opposition group said Wednesday its fighters killed more than 200 Iranian Revolutionary Guards in fighting in the west Iranian province of Sardashi on Monday.

The Baghdad-based Mujahedeen E-Khalq said in a telex to Retuers that its men captured. seven military bases and destroyed two others in the attack.

It said 70 enemy hunkers, a mortar position and an ammunition depot were blown up and a

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BAGHDAD (R) - An Iranian large quantity of arms and ammunition, including mortars and rocket-propelled grenades, was seized.

> An Iranian army force, sent to reinforce the bases Tuesday, was ambushed by the Mujahedeen who killed 20 of them, it said, Seven Mujahedeen fighters died in the fighting.

The release said the operation was the 45th by the Mujahedeen

Tehran detains 2 Italians

ROME (R) — Two Italians working in the Iranian port of Bandar Abbas are being held by Iranian authorities, the Italian Foreign Ministry seid Wednesday.

The ministry said in a statement the two men, who were working at a thermoelectric power station built by the Milan firm Gruppo Industriale Elettro Meccaniche (GIE) in the strategic port at the head of the Strait of Hormuz, were detained.

The two employees, Bruno Bellamano and Alessandro Roversi, were in the hands of local judicial authorities but no charges had yet been brought against them, the statement said Italian diplomats in Rome and in Tehran were seeking clarifica-

tion of the detentions. Relations between Rome and Tehran were severely strained last autumn over a satirical sketch on Italian television about the sale of American weapons to Iran. Tehran recalled its ambassador to Rome and expelled three Italian diplomats. The amhassador has since returned to Rome.

White House says tour of Iranian aides meaningless

WASHINGTON . (R) — President Reagan has said he was out of town when then-national security aide Oliver North gave Iranian officials a late-night tour of the White House last

The president's spokesman described the incident, which took place during negotiations for the release of American hostages in Lehanon, as meaningless.

"I haven't known about it long enough to have any (thoughts), Mr. Reagan said in answer to reporters' questions, adding: "We were obviously out of the

Presidential spokesman Marlin Fitzwater told reporters that the tour for the Iranians was the same one that members of the public take daily.

growing links to Libya.
The offending sketch on last "It's meaningless. Who cares? Big deal," Mr. Fitzwater said. Monday's "the Dingo Principle"

McFarlane defends Reagan, North, takes blame for Iran-contra scanda!

WASHINGTON (R) — Former bels as a time when Congress had White House official Robert hanned such assistance. McFarlane has delivered an impassioned defence of President Reagan and Lieutenant-Colonei Oliver North over the Iran-contra affair and tried to shoulder all the hlame himself.

But some members of the House of Representatives and Senate committees engaged in probing Mr. Reagan's worst political crisis said at the end of Mr. McFarlane's second day of testimony Tuesday that he was an honourable man forced to betray his own high standards.

"When you start down the slippery slope of trying to get around the law ... decent, honourable people are led to violate laws," Senator David Boren, an Oklahoma Democrat, said Tuesday.

Mr. McFarlane, a 49-year-old ex-Marine whose remorse over his role in the affair led him to attempt suicide three months ago, was to return to Capitol Hill later Wednesday to face a third and final day of grilling by the two committees.

As Mr. Reagan's national security adviser from Octoher 1983 to December 1985, and after he left office, Mr. McFarlane was deeply involved in the covert sale of U.S. arms to Iran in an attempt to huy freedom for American hostages in Lebanon.

He also played a major role in White House efforts to keep aid flowing to Nicaragua's contra re- of Congress.

CANBERRA (R) - Lihya ac-

cused Australia Wednesday of

running a campaign of disin-formation against it after Austra-

lian television broadcast a satiric-

al programme lampooning Li-hyan leader Col. Muammar

The secretary at the Libyan

People's Bureau, Shaban Gashut,

said in a statement the program-

me was part of the Australian

government's disinformation

campaign against Libya and he

had reported on the broadcast to

Australia has criticised some

South Pacific island states in-

creasingly in recent months over

Tripoli.

Libya accuses Australia of

FOR THE TRAVELLER

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disinformation campaign

Tuesday's five hours of testimony was devoted to a detailed examination of how Mr. McFarlane had misled Congress in past, testimony and engaged in "gilding" a chronology of events prepared last November to make events appear in a better light and minimise damage to Mr. Reagan.

But before the proceedings got under way, Senate committee Chairman Daniel Inouye caused a flurry of excitement with an announcement that a long-lost \$10 million donation to the contras from Brunei had heen found. He said it wound up in the

wrong secret Swiss bank account and the accidental recipient, identified only as a wealthy Swiss shipping magnate, had transferred the money into another account where it had accrued \$253,000 in interest.

Then a remorseful McFarlane recounted how he had misled Congress last December when he denied knowledge of White House solicitation of contra aid from third countries, notably \$34 million from Saudi Arabia. He also admitted knowing that

Col. North, who was fired from his post at Mr. Reagan's National Security Council (NSC) last Nov. 25 for allegedly diverting Iran arms profits to the Nicaraguan rebels, misrepresented his contra fundraising activities to members

programme featured an actor

dressed as Qadhafi describing

Libya as a "non-profit organisa-

tion for hringing guns to nader-developed Third World coun-

The programme on the state-

owned Australian Broadcasting

Corporation (ABC) network has

in the last month sparked protests

from the Soviet Union and Iran

after it showed satirical sketches

Iran expelled two Australian

diplomats from Tehran in retalia-

tion over a sequence poking fun

at Iranian Revolutionary leader

Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini.

Mr. Gashut said the program-me showed ABC was run by

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about their countries' leaders.

The few dramatic moments of

Tuesday's hearings came when Mr. McFarlane sprang to Col. North's defence, and then to Mr. Reagan's. Sen. Paul Sarbanes, a Maryland Democrat, asked Mr. McFarlane who or what he had

> "Very likely myself, my reputation, my own record of per-formance," he said. "And only that?" the senator asked.

"I believe, Senator Sarbanes, that President Reagan's motives and direction to his subordinates throughout this enterprise has always been in keeping with the law and national values. "I don't think he is at fault here

and if anyhody is, I am," a grim-faced McFarlane said. Asked earlier by House deputy

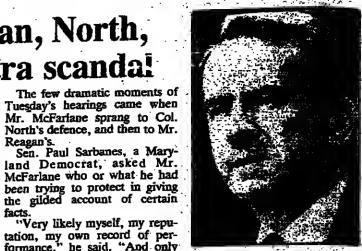
Republican counsel, Richard Leon, why Mr. McFarlane had not tried to "rein in" Col. North, who has been portrayed as a gung-ho Marine who went ont of control, he replied:

I am afraid that in the past two days Ollie is really getting a

hum rap; which appears to be endorsed by me, and I don't intend that. "I think Col. North is a man of

immense devotion to the preservation of human life ... "He's a person of very deen

and profound conviction and be-lief in God who relies on his



Robert McFarlane

conscience, as all of us do, but one that is formed in scholarly pursuit of scriptures and passionate in its extreme energy.

Mr. Reagan meanwhile again denied to reporters that he knew of the White House efforts to solicit funds for the contras. Mr. McFarlane - tersely informed the panel that he is not "a fragile flower' and wants no cod-

He made clear he resents any innuendo that he is in a delicate emotional state. He responded to a congression-

al counsel questioning him that "during the (lunch) break I had the misfortune. to turn on the television, whereupon a young woman (reporter) was describing that I was a rather fragile flower that had to be catered to. "That's nonsense," Mr.

McFarlane said. "Shoot your best

U.S. decides not to send

envoy back to Damascus State Department spokesman WASHINGTON (R) - The United States has decided not to Charles Redman refused to con-

send ambassador Thomas Eagle- firm the decision. ton back to Syria, from which h was, withdrawn last October in ism," U.S. officials have said.

The officials, who asked not to man said. be identified, said the decision whether a gesture should be made to Damascus to encourage new moves on Middle East

Mr. Redman did not elaborate. new moves on Middle East

"In the end it was clear that our stand against terrorism would be undermined if we made a gesture without getting something sub-stantial in return," one official people with cheap taste who were ignorant of other peoples' culture.

We have said on many occa-

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was taken after debate about are prepared to reconsider the

on what Syria would have to do to restore normal relations with Washington, which withdrew Mr. Eagleton after a London court convicted a Palestinian of allegedly trying to bomb an Israeli airliner with Syrian belp.

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WHAT'S GOING ON

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MUSEUMS

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Folklore Museum: Jewelry and contumes over 100 years old. Also mosaks from Madaba and Jerash (4th to 18th centuries). The Roman Theatre, Amman. Opening hours: 9:00 a.m.-5 p.m. Year-round. Tel. 651760.
Jordan Archaeological Museum: Has

Jordan Archaeological Museum: Has an excellent collection of the anti-quities of Jordan, Jabal Al Qal'a a.m.-5.00 p.m. IFridays and official holidays 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. I. Closed Tuesdays.

Jordan National Gallery: Contains a

collection of paintings, ceramics, and

sculptures by contemporary Islamic artists from most of the Muslim coun-tries and a collection of paintings by 13 Century orientalist artists. Munta-zalı, Jabat Luweibdeh. Opening hours. 10.00 a.m. - 1.30 p.m. and 3.00 p.m.-6.00 p.m. Closed Tuesdays. Tel. 630128. 19th Century orientalist artists, Munta

Marlyrs' Memorial (Millary Musenmi: Collection of military memorabilia dating from the Arab Revolt of 1916. Sports City, Amman, Opening hours 9.00 a.m.=4.00 p.m. Closed Saturdays. Tel. 664240.

SERVICE CLUBS

Lions Amman Club. Meetings every first and third Wednesday at the Holiday Inn. 1:30 p.m. Lions Philadelphia Club. Meetings ev-ery second and fourth Wednesday at the Ammon Hotel, 7:30 p.m.
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CHURCHES

St. Joseph Church (Roman Catholit) Jabal Amman, Tel. 624590, Church of the Annunciation (Roman Calholic) Jahal Luweibdeh, Tel.

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p.m. Tel: 622366 p.m. 1et; 0.2590 Charch of the Amunication (Greek Orthodox) Abdali, Tel. 623541, Anglican Church (Church of the Re-deemer) Jabal Amman, Tel. 67890t, Armenian Catholic Church Ashrafich, Armenian Orthodox Church Ashra-fieh, Tel. 775261.

St. Ephraim Church (Syrian Orthodox) Ashralieh, Tel. 771751. Amman International Church (Inter-denominational): meets at Southern Baptist School in Shmeisani, Tel. 677534. Evangelical Lutheran Church Jabril Amman, 6th Circle, (Rev. N. Smiri, Tel. 811295.

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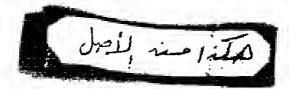
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Cabinet endorses funding for joint Jordan-Egypt Co.

AMMAN (I.I) — The Cabinet holding company by August I Wednesday announced its ensixth meeting of the Joint Jorda-nian Egyptian Higher Committee which convened in Amman on

A statement said that the Cabinet has issued instructions to various government departments to begin implementing the recommendations and resolutions contained in the minutes.

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Among other things, the minutes said that the two countries would each pay its share of the capital for a \$50 million joint

dorsement of the minutes of the the company to deal with the creation of four firms for fisheries, fodder and lean meat, agricultural seeds, and a tourism investment company. The holding company, to be based in Amman, is a major outcome of efforts for economic cooperation since the two countries normalised ties in

Prime Minister Zaid Rifai led the Jordanian team to the meeting and Dr. Atef Sedki, prime minister of Egypt, led the Egyp-

NEWS IN BRIEF

Iraqi minister visits University of Jordan

AMMAN (Petra) — Iraqi Minister of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Abdullah Abbas visited the University of Jordan Wednesday and met with its vice president, Mahmoud Al Samra. They discussed cooperation between the university and the Iraqi ministry of Awgaf in cultural affairs. Dr. Samra briefed the minister of the university's activities and programmes and accompanied him on a tour of the campus.

Jordan to attend water conservation panel

AMMAN (Petra) — Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment will take part in the Third World conference on water conservation which will be held in Canada on May 27. Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment Yousef Hamdan Al Jaber will head Jordan's delegation to the

Ministry to go to radiation seminar

AMMAN (Petra) - Ministry of Health will take part in the first Arab symposium on protection against radiation which will be held in Tunisia on June 15. The symposium will last for three

Man sentenced for drug trafficking

AMMAN (Petra) - The military court has sentenced Sa'id Suhhi All to three-years imprisonment with hard labour for trafficking hashish. The general military governor endorsed the sentence.

Company studies Dead Sea's potential

AMMAN (J.T.) - A Jordanian industrial company is currently conducting a study on the establishment of a company for extracting and processing therapeutic materials from the Dead Sea with a capital of JD 250,000. Economic feasibility of the project revealed that the project should be a good investment and should be profitable: The Arab Potash Co. (APC) is considering contributing 20 per cent to the proposed company's capital.

Israeli cabinet deadlocked (Continued from page I) out a clear strategy. The handful of independent

toric opportunity for peace. who hold the balance in Israel's Labour Party out of the govern-ment, Mr. Peres said: "I do not think we have to present an ultimatum to the Likud and I do not think the Likud has to give us an

ultimatum." If Labour withdrew the result would be a minority Likud govemment, which was not what the

voters had wanted, he said. Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin, a senioir Labour figure, told reporters: "If I thought that hy going into opposition there was a chance of early elections, 1

would go for it." Political analysts said Labour could not at present muster the 61 votes required to dissolve the 120-member Knesset (parliament) and force early elections. The next poll is scheduled for

November 1988. Political commentators said Mr.' Shamir appeared to have called Mr. Peres' bluff over the threats to bring down the govern-ment and left him stranded with-

tional conference creating an his- members and the religious parties In an apparent climbdown fragmented parliament seem to be learning toward Likud in exchange for pledges of safe seats at the next election and concessions on key religious issues.

The nine-party government has survived dozens of crises over the last 31 months and scored notable successes, taming runaway inflation and extricating Israel from its entanglement in Lebanon.

Mr. Peres handed over the premiership to Mr. Shamir last October in a power-sharing agreement signed in 1984 after a dead-heat election.

Political sources said Mr. Peres would probably try to paralyse the government now and generate public pressure for an election, but he risked losing much of the popularity he has acquired over the last 21/2 years.

After the three-and-a-halfhour inner cabinet meeting, Mr. Peres indefinitely postponed his trip to Washington, which had been scheduled for later Wednesday.

McFarlane: Reagan was briefed

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Mr. McFarlane: "Frequently, 'On how many occasions? Many occasions?"

Mr. McFarlane: "Dozens." The nature of the help sought by the president was not speci-

Mr. Reagan said Wednesday that Sandi Arabia's King Fahd raised the question of Sandi aid to the contra rebels at a White House meeting in 1985 and told Mr. Reagan be was about to increase the aid. Mr. Reagan told reporters he

had not asked the Saudi monarch

to help the contras. "The subject was never hroached until... he (King Faho told me what he was doing," Mr. Reagan said at a White House photo session.

He said diary notes showed that "I never brought it up." "It shows that the king, before he left, told me that he was doing it and that he was going to increase the aid," Mr. Reagan said.

Murphy had 'close' encounter

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He also said Washington was seeking concerted action by the United Nations Security Council on measures to end the Iran-Iraq

Mr. Murphy said: "We haven't changed our policy towards the

He said acceptance by the PLO. of U.N. Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338, urging the PLO to recognise Israel's "right to exist" in return for a withdrawal from land occupied in the 1967 war, was a condition for dialogue. The PLO would also have to foreswear violence as an orga-

nisation, he said. In Moscow, the Communist Party newspaper, Pravda, de-to be anti-Arab, adventurist and scribed Mr. Murphy's Guif tour hegemonistic, and no efforts by as a flop and accused Washington of using a policy of "double-

dealing" in the Middle East.

Prayda also accused the United States of seeking to heighten tension in the Middle East to gain the greatest possible profit from the situation.

It said Mr. Murphy's tour had failed to produce tangible results and assurances that Washington sought to play a constructive role in the region "misled nobody."

"On the one hand Washington displays a pretence of concern about greater tension and on the other it banks on a further deterioration of the situation to gain the maximum profit for itself," Prayda's Beirnt correspondent Yuri Glukhov said.

"Washington's course in the Middle East and Gulf continues to be anti-Arab, adventurist and high-ranking emissaries can conceal. this," Glakhov said.



MINISTER: His Royal Highness Crown Prince Also, in attendance was Minister of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Dr. Abdul Aziz Al Khayyat (Petra Hassan receives at the Royal Cnurt Wednesday the Iraqi minister of awqaf (centre), Abdullah

Queen Alia fund plans construction of 11 community centres in south

AMMAN (Petra) — The Queen for the Rehabilitation of the Phy-Alia Social Welfare Fund sically Handicapped, and JD establishing 11 community centres in the south of the country to help raise the social and economic standard of people in that region, according to Dr. Zaki Ayyouhi, member of the QASWF's board of trustees.

set up at Sadaka, Marigha, Dabaghat, Taybeh, Jahir, Baqaa, Zubeira, Basta, Tafileh, Rweim and Basira. He said the total cost of these centres is estimated at JD 500,000 and will be built on 3,400 square metres of land. These centres will have chil-

dren nurseries, workshops for training local women in dressmaking, and multi-purpose halls, Dr. Ayyouhi added. He stated that JD 50,000 will

be spent this year on building

released the following feature ab-

out parliamentary life in the

AMMAN (Petra) — Jordan's

modern history began to take

shape with the arrival in Amman

in March 1921 of the late king,

Abdullah Ibn Al Hussein, grand-

father of His Majesty King Hus-

sein. This date also marked a

turning point in the history of the

Arab region, when the late king

established the Transfordan Emi-

rate in the East Bank, thus

thwarting world Zionism's dream

of including this territory within

the so-called Jewish national

home, granted them through the

The king formed a government

and set up a consultative council

chaired by the late Rashid Talie',

thus opening the way for the

public to participate in the deci-

sion-making process in the emi-

National Charter

laid down

The king, who was an emir at

that time, then negotiated with

Britain for Jordan's independ-

ence in 1923. It was in 1928 that

the first national conference was

held in Amman with the parti-

cipation of nearly 150 heads of

bedouin tribes in the emirate and

intellectuals from the various re-

gions of the country. This confer-

ence laid down the country's

This charter clearly states that

the emirate is an independent

entity, governed by Emir Abdul-

lah Ibn Al Hussein through its

own constitution and with tem-

The charter made it clear that

the Balfour Declaration, which

promised a national home for the

lews in Palestine, contradicted all

Britain's previous promises to the

Arabs and ran contrary to the

interests of the local population...

that gave credence to parliamen-

tary life in the country by clearly

stating that members of parlia-

ment should represent the people

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First legislative

The first legislative council was

formed in April 1929. The council

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It was the National Charter

the basis of mutual benefits.

National Charter.

Balfour Declaration in 1917.

(OASWF) has finalised plans for 60,000 more will be spent in the future on other expansions in the

ject for promoting local development at Hashimi district in Amman at the cost JD 1.3 million. This project entails erecting He said that the centres will be seven huildings on 8,000 square et up at Sadaka, Marigha, metres of land, which will house a vocational centre for the handicapped among other services, Dr. Ayyoubi said.

He related that the land was a gift for the project provided by the Greater Amman Municipality. Work on the project is expected to start in the coming few months.

Dr. Ayyoubi also said that QASWF has recently conducted a survey in Karak region and annexes to the Yarmouk Centre handicapped there. Work has members.

already started in Karak region for building a centre to help rehabilitate these handicapped people. The centre is expected to cost JD 520,000, Dr. Ayyouhi QASWF will carry out a pro- estimated

He said there will also be another rehabilitation centre in Eidoun, in 1rbid Governorate, also costing nearly JD 520,000, providing services to 150 handicapped. In 1rbid itself, he said, a JD 250,000 project for the rehabilitation of handicapped women and, the provision of children care, has been established by

In addition to all that, Dr. Ayyoubi said, the QASWF will continue a programme of helping people in rural regions to plant trees and initiate income-generating projects. The organisation will also assist charitable societies found that there are almost 500 and offer training courses to their

Local firms launch first phase of Amman-Dead Sea Highway

AMMAN (Petra) — A joint venture of two local companies at Jaafar Company and General Contracting Company, signed a contract with the Ministry of Public Works Wednesday for building the Naour bypass, extending for six kilometres along the Amman-Dead Sea Highway at the cost of JD 2.3

the bypass was part of the 41 and will have a junction and kilometre highway linking Am- several bridges. man, Naour and the Dead Sea, a deemed necessary because of which \$25 million has been sup- USA1D director in Amman.

The contract was signed by landslides on the existing road, Minister of Public Works near the village of Adasieh, and Mahmoud Al Hawamdeh and the heavy traffic along the highrepresentatives of the two com- way, especially in the winter season. The bypass forms part of the Following the signing cere-mony, Mr. Hawamdeh said that six kilometres, with four lanes

The bypass is the first phase of main road for Jordan. He said the new highway which, he said, that the new highway was will cost a total of \$46 million, of

the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), the minister added. He said that the second phase

of the project, entailing construction of 10 kilometres, is now under consideration. A tender could he announced in four months when the documents and designs have been completed.

The minister said that the third part of the highway project, extending for 11.4 kilometres, will be later announced in a tender. Twenty-six kilometres of the total road will have four lanes and the rest will be two lanes, the minister added.

The signing ceremony was attended by senior ministry officials and Mr. Louis Reade.

Turnout for voter registration rises sharply as deadline nears

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter with agency dispatches

AMMAN — with four more days to go before voier registration centres close, reports gathered by the Jordan Times on Wednesday indicated vet another sharp rise in turnout all over the Kingdom.

The number of citizens turning up to register their names and exercise their franchise for the impending parliamentary elections is expected to maintain the present pace, if not increase, before the registration period draws to an end this Sunday.

Amman and its suburbs, where over one third of the Kingdom's population resides, ranked first in terms of voter registration with 66,000 registered by closing time on Wednesday, followed by Zarqa with almost 62,000, and the Balqa region with nearly 59,167. Although a total number on

voter registration throughout the Amman Governorate — which includes Amman and its suburbs. Madaba district, Thiban, Sahab,

Al Mouwaqar, Al Jizeh, Na'our, Wadi Esseer, Al Talihieh and Badou Al Wasat (the middle bedouins) — was estimated by the Amman governor at 126,000 upto Tuesday evening; there was no information available on the collective count for Wednesday,

Judging from figures of the closing time on Wednesday, the rate of vote registration increase in most of the above mentioned areas was between 30 to 50 per cent in comparison to Monday and Tuesday. Other reports gathered on vo-

ter registration from various parts of the Kingdom on Wednesday evening were as follows: Mafraq Governorate (37,000), Karak Governotate (34,800), Ajloun District (26,554), Jerash District (25,000), Irbid (21,000), Ma'an (29,900) and southern Shuneh District (11,000). Again, the vote registration

count in the aforementioned areas and districts rose between ·25 to 50 per cent from figures obtained on Monday and

Several elements have contrihuted to the increase in people registering: the extension of registration time by two-hours a day, full-fledged electioneering and lobhying by candidates and their supporters, and a higher public awareness level and a growing media campaign all ove the Kingdom.

CRD estimates of voter registration

In another related development, the Civil Registration Department (CRD) whose "family books" (daftar al 'aaileh) have been exclusively named by the government as the document for voter registration said Wednesday it has to date registered 556,228 Jordanian families and issued them family hooks. CRD Director General Adnan

Mirza was quoted by the Jordan News Agency, Petra, as saying these registered families c naprise nearly 3,671,053 people, crashom

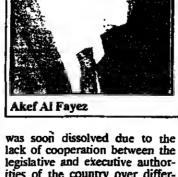
Road to independence: A parliamentary history of Jordan

Distinguished members of Jordan's Parliaments: 1928-prese As voters continue to register their names for future parliamentary election in the Kingdom, the



Ahmad Al Lawzi





ities of the country over differences among members of the government, then headed by Hassan Abul Huda. It was during the mandate of the first legislative council that

immunity for Parliament members were granted and the conporary assistance from Britain on stitution firmly endorsed. The second legislative council was formed in 1931 and included 15 members, while the third council was formed in 1934, when

the late Ibrahim Hashem was prime minister of Jordan. This third council grouped 30 mem-Emir Abdullah joined the Allies io the Second World War. This enabled him to provide the armed forces with new weapons

Jordan gains independence from Britain

Jordanian army.

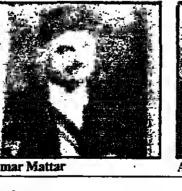
and to increase and enlarge the

Soon after the war Britain honoured its promise and granted Jordan its independence in 1946. The two countries signed a new endorsed the Anglo-Jordanian friendship and alliance treaty, treaty. This 14-member house which was approved by Jordan's











legislative council that also proc-laimed a new constitution for the Kingdom.
The Jordanian Parliament,

according to the constitution, was then composed of the Upper House (the Senate) and the Lower House (the House of Deputies) with the latter being elected by the people. The constitution provided that the Lower House should fairly represent all sectors and minorities in society and should have a mandate of four years; the members of the Upper House should not exceed half the number of the Lower House, should be appointed by the King and serve for a period of eight years.

The election law of 1947 stated that the number of the Lower House of Parliament should not exceed 20 and the Upper House should not exceed 10 in all. Both houses of Parliament held their first meetings in 1947 and were



Salah Tnuqan





East and West Bank joined

During this period, the Jorda-

nian Armed Forces had been

involved in the war against Israel

and entered into Palestine in 1948

in response to a call by the Arab

League. After the war, repre-

sentatives of the West Bank of

Jordan approached Emir Abdul-

lah for unity of the two banks and

several meetiogs were held after-

wards endorsing the idea which

was subsequently approved by

the government in Amman and

This unified country adopted

the Jordanian coostitution and

regarded Abdullah Ibn Al Hus-

sein as king of the two banks

which formed the Kingdom. La-

ter, a new Parliament was elected

grouping representatives of the

East and West Banks of Jordan.

introduced to the constitution to

adapt it to the new arrangement

hy which the members of the

Several amendments were later

both houses of Parliament.



Upper House of Parliament be-

came 25 while the Lower House

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witnessed another parliamentary

of the West Bank new elections

were held in the country. In 1974

Parliament held a session which

authorised the King to postpooe elections in view of the occupa-

In 1978 King Hussein called for

the formation of the National

Consultative Council to tempor-

arily take the place of the Parlia-

ment which was dissolved. But

this council was dissolved in 1978

by a Royal Decree which also

called the old Parliament into

extraordinary session and intro-

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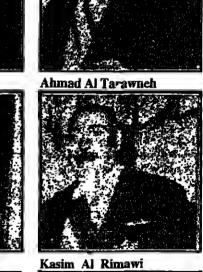
Following the 1967 occupation

election in 1966.

tion of West Bank.

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laimed in 1986 grants all Jordanians above 19 years-or-age the right to elect deputies in Parliament but denied this right to convicted persons, and businessmen who filed for hankruptcy and have not yet honoured their commitments, and also members of the Armed Forces, public security and civil defence, as long as they are in service.

According to the law, candidates running for election should be: Jordanian citizens for at least 10 years, registered in the voters' lists, above 30 years of age, not convicted of any crime, not involved in an illegal organisation, not receiving material benefit from any government decartment through renting land or property, and not a relative of the King to a certain degree prescribed by law. Government employees, mayors, and heads of village councils cannot run as candidates for Parliament, according to the election

New election law

the House.

The new election law proc-

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Ridiculous standoff

ISRAELI leaders clamnured yesterday to explain, each to his perceived advantage, the meaning of the ridiculous standoff that their inner cabinet has reached nn the question of the Middle East peace conference. The alignment leader, Shimon Peres, tried to put on a brave face, saying there was nothing in the standoff in prevent him from continuing work nn the proposed conference. While the Likud leader and Prime Minister Yitzhak Sbamir countered by insisting that the deadlock meant nn minister in his cabinet was entitled to go on working for the conference.

It is a ridiculous tie; first, because those in Israel who sense that an opportunity far peace truly exists through holding the conference cannot possibly proceed any further from this point; and, second, because it is evident that an Israeli government, headed and staffed by men like Shamir and his Likud comrades, would never allow a chance for peace to be grasped by any Israeli government.

What the Likud leaders want is not an equitable and lasting settlement with the Arabs. Shamir and Cn. are after separate negotiations with Jurdan that would facilitate Israeli annexatinn of the West Bank and Gaza. To them, opposition to the international conference is based not so much on the reasons they give publicly (an international conference would allow the big powers to impose an Arab-style settlement on Israel, for instance), but on the belief that such a conference would shatter their dream of recunciling greater Israel with hopes for peace in the region.

Shimnn Peres and bis Labour Party know this only too well. And that is wby they should also know that much mnre than Freaking the deadlock with the Likud is needed from them to bring peace in the area.

Shamir appears reluctant to go to the Israeli electorate on his as ti-peace platform. This is understandable. But even then, "Tes' alignment cannot har bour grand designs for peace while by ing itself a prisoner of the electorate.

tudes in Israel have to change considerably before real fer peace can grow and materialise. This change cannot come about while Sbamir and fellow extremists hold 1 1717 1770

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Al Ra'i: Coordinating positions

KING Hussein's visit to Cairo and his talks with President Mubarak are considered as part of the Egyptian-Jordanian drive to cordinate their positions with regard to the coming international conference and the developments on the Arah and international scenes. The two leaders are taking steps to deal with any eventuality on the diplomatic scene and with regard to the outcome of the Israeli cahinet meeting which would decide on whether Tel Aviv would accept the idea of the conference or opt to carry out parliamentary elections that would determine the issue. Both Cairo and Amman have been following events and developments on this subject and in the past week they were involved in discussing economic and social cooperation through the joint Jordanian-Egyptian higher committee. But the meeting of the two leaders is clearly aimed at following up on the diplomatic developments and is seen as a manifestation of the two countries' keenness on joining hands and bolstering Arab solidarity. Without showing solidarity now, the Arabs are bound to remain weak and exposed to enemy pressure. Without hridges of understanding and cooperation among Arah states, the Arah Nation would remain impotent and incapable of taking any meaningful steps to regain its lost rights and territory.

Al Dustour: Lobbying for peace

KING Hussein's talks with President Hosni Mubarak in Cairo come amid a flurry of regional and international activity for convening an international conference designed to hring about peace to the Middle East. Jordan and Egypt have been pre-occupied with the question of the conference, and have been exerting tremendous efforts over the past two years for the sake of holding such conference and enlisting support and hacking from the international community for such meeting. Therefore, we helieve that the meeting in Cairo was of utmost importance especially at this high level, and by two Arab countries which have borne the brunt in the Palestine question and shouldered so much responsibility towards the Palestinian people. In the absence of a joint action on the part of the whole Arab Nation. such meeting between the King and the Egyptian president seems to be necessary and serving as an alternative for a pan-Arab action. We look to such meetings as steps towards holstering inter-Arah action. and towards further coordination between the two countries in expectation of developments in the coming stage. There is no doubt that the most important issue at the moment is the international conference and the two leaders are bent to remove all obstacles in its

Sawt Al Shaab: Promoting peace

DESPITE the confusion that still shrouds the subject of the international conference and the Middle East developments, Jordan has been persistent on pursuing contacts and consultations with Arab countries to reach consensus on a unified strategy. Jordan has been seeking to bolster inter-Arab cooperation and pooling Arab resources and efforts for the sake of holding an international conference that would regain Arab rights and restore Arab territory. The meeting between King Hussein and President Mubarak in Cairo came at a time when the Israeli leadership is continuing to place obstacles in the path of such conference in a bid to undermine efforts for peace. The talks between the two leaders constitute another constructive step towards coordinating Arah efforts to abort Israel's evil designs and for convening the coming conference. The world is now awaiting Israel's approval of this conference which the Arabs want to convene for the implementation of U.N. Security Council resolutions on the Palestine question. Therefore, a strong Arab stand and joint action can help convene this conference and ensure the return of lost territory to Arah people in Palestine.

Austerity is the problem

By Dr. Nayef S. Zubi

IN his remarks before the World Affairs Council in Amman, reported in the 29-30 January, 1987 issue of the Jordan Times, Dr. Khalil Salem, provided an assessment of Jordan's current economic slowdown. Regretfully, the call for belt tightening continues to be the theme; and the root canal theory of economics continues to underlie economic thinking among many writing on the subject. It does not work if it does not hurt; people should endure more suffering before they can see the light at the end of the tunnel; the economy should pass through deeper recessions and contractions before getting to the peak of economic recovery. These are all standard logical propositions of those we believe that the problem hes in people consuming and demanding too much, and not in misguided economic policies.

The austerity measures that Dr. Salem calls for, sound familiar. One can find his advice in former President Carter's speeches hlaming the American people to bave been living beyond their means. One can lift his words from Nohel Laureate James Tohin's 1975 report on Puerto Rico. A report that called for import restrictions, higher taxes, and a larger role for government

The problem is not with Jordanian people, as it was not with the American or Puerto Rican people. The problem continues to be in the accumulated effects of misguided economic policies over the vears. The solution should not start by blaming people, but hy correcting policies. Public lecturing to an already hard-pinched and suffering population, is not the way to proceed, and would not work in the end. Surely my family, living in Jordan, does not appreciate Dr. Salem's call for belt tightening. They have their belt tightened enough. And so does the average Jordanian family. For one, they do not contribute much to our energy bill: They do not have a car, nor do they own centrally heated homes. For another, if they are to replace their aging Aladdins, they have to pay their share of the importation restriction hill.

1. massive imports, of which 57 per cent are luxury items! The luxury items include energy, jewelry, cars, education, and travel;
2. an increase in the overall indehtedness by more than 15 folds,

3. decline in foreign currency reserves;

huge investments in non-lucrative projects;

6. an overall political instability in the Middle East, and the

The symptoms of Jordan's ailing economy are identified by Dr.

during the last 13 years;

5. a rigid exchange policy; and

linkage of economic integration to political development.

Obviously, the overall political instability in the area, and the past undertaking of ill-conceived investments, continue to hurt the prospects for economic recovery. To call, however, for contradictory measures, and to suggest that fixed exchange rate policy might not he suitable, will not set the stage for recovery.

The curb on importation that has already started through a wide range of protectionist measures, that have covered a wide range of economic activities continues to hurt. The call for further curbs under the current economic slowdown means what it simply means: That Jordanians will huy less with a given amount of work effort. In effect, this action alone will lower the wages a Jordanian receives, and will harm Jordan.

The fact of the matter is, that Jordan should pursue a policy of an orderly reduction of import restrictions. That policy will assure that firms can employ more labour for a given amount of gross wages. Equivalently, the gross wages will fall for the same level of employment. Logic tells us that lower grow wages will attract more use of the highly fungible factor: Capital. Productivity will increase,

and so will personal savings, a fall in unemployment will follow.

There is no secret revealed in mentioning that the higher stock prices of Aladdin Industries and Arah Aluminium manufacturing, observed after their protection from foreign competition, should have come from somewhere. Redistributing the pieces of the pie, does not mean, that the end result would necessarily be a bigger pie. It might be, a smaller pie as well.

Also, providing the Jordan cement factories company, an interest-free-loan of JD 57.5 million, and attaching the government guarantee to the company's most recent bank loan of JD 12 million. are not without a cost. A strained capital market, and a sure promise for further future taxes will he an expected outcome. An assessment of the implicit cost in all kinds of government intervention is what a rational economic policy should pursue. Calling for more sacrifice, more belt tightening misses the point, and hy a wide margin.

The high energy bill that Dr. Salem calls for targeting, includes at the present a consumption tax. To suggest higher consumption tax, cannot help recovery, and will lower the standard of living of the Jordanian citizen. It will also penalise heavy industrial users. Encouraging the implementation of conservation measures, and the use of alternative energy sources is a much better way to proceed. The last thing one should do in a down economy is calling for more

taxes, whether implicit or explicit.

The decline in the stock market is not difficult to understand. The political uncertainty engulfing the whole area, the depressed oil markets, and the resulting depressed demand for goods and services explains it pretty well. Business Finance 101 teaches us that the value of an asset — real or financial — in no more than discounted future cash flows. Uncertainty simply means higher discount factor, and as such depressed asset prices. The point is simple: The uncertainty means that people would ask exceptionally high returns for newly issued securities, and would depress those already in existence. Should we blame the widows, the orphans. and the investors whose their lifetime savings are at stake, if they were more cautious, when someone comes and promises them the

Finally, pointing to the attending problems of a rigid exchange rate policy simply misses the fact that the Jordan dinar, though fixed in relative terms, is not fixed in absolute terms. The Jordan-dinar linkage to the Special Drawing Rights (SDR), the latter being no more than a basket of freely floating currencies, does not translate into fixed or rigid exchange rates. The question, however, remains whether such a hasket truly reflects the average international transactions of Jordan in both current and capital accounts. And that, is an empirical question; and should not be left to those who claim knowledge better than the markets. Healthy trade relations and an orderly access to financial capital markets are both conditioned by stable exchange rates.

While one cannot help hut admire Dr. Salem's intellect, it is the shortcoming of his economic analysis, that I am quarrelling with here. Dr. Salem should have recognised that lowering the standard of living of the Jordanian people is not the road to recovery; it is our sure path to deeper recessions, contraction, and misery. Blaming the Jordanians to have been living beyond their means, and neglecting the implicit taxes that mefficiencies and government interventions bring about, deflects attention from the core of the problem. Given more say to people in running their economic affairs is the road to recovery. The calls for austerity, sacrifice, and belt tightening is the problem. The answer lies in the people.!.

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loroccan wall threatens Mauritania's neutrality

Mauritania has observed a neutral stance in the battle which its northern neighbour, Morocco, is waging against Polisario guerrillas in the Western Sahara. However, this neutrality is now threatened as the guerrillas may be forced to use Mauritanian territory as a route to the ocean to avoid a defensive wall recently built by Morocco, reports Peter Blackburn, recently in the Mauritanian port of Nouadhibou.

by the construction by Morocco ocean — as "serious," of a sixth defensive wall close to ore railway line.

The 550 kilometra wall — a ridge of rock and sand reinforced by mines and electronic scanners - is intended to bar the Algerian-backed Polisario direct ac-

cess to the Atlantic Ocean. The Polisario have for the past 12 years been fighting for the independence of the former Spanish Sahara which is now

administered by Morocco. The Polisario have made a number of seaborne attacks on foreign fishing vessels and light aircraft in an apparent change of tactics after the defensive walls made land based raids much more difficult.

The sixth wall protects Morocco's southern flank and completes a defensive wall system of more than 1,200 miles. It means that the Polisario will now be obliged to pass through Manritanian territory in order to reach the

Mauritanian President Maaouya Sid Ahmed Ould Taya has described the situation on the

MAURITANIA'S neutrality in northern frontier - especially the long running war in the West- the 140-mile stretch from the ern Sahara has been threatened small border town of Inal to the

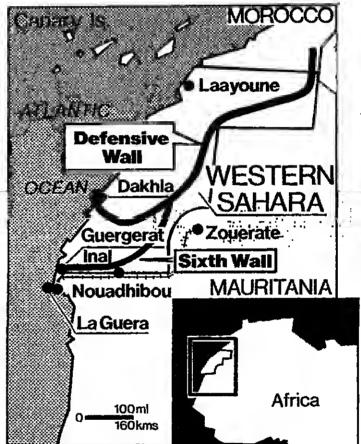
A recent skirmish between its strategically important iron Polisario and Moroccan troops near Inal, where the wall is only 400 yards distant, increased Mauritanian fears.

A ministerial communique said that "the massive and permanent presence of foreign troops so close to our vital centres is unacceptable."

The communique added that measures have been taken to guarantee the security of the northern port of Nouadhibou, the country's economic capital.

No details were given but analysts say that the former Spanish garrison of La Guera, four miles across the desert peninsula from Nouadhibou, has probably been reinforced with Mauritanian troops. Border surveillance has been increased and more troops stationed along the railway line, especially from Inal to the ocean where the wall runs parallel at a distance of little over a mile

The railway carries some 9 million tones of iron ore from the mines at Zouerate to the port of



Mauritanian economy

At Nouadhibou there was little sign of extra security and the fishing and iron ore industries, Nouadhibou and is vital to the which account for virtually all the

country's exports, wer operating normally.

Although the iron ore trains continue to run as usual, this correspondent was refused perjourney to Zouerate.

"There is tension in the area and we cannot afford to take any risks, especially with foreigners, Mr. Dah Ould Cheikh, the governor of Nouadhibou region, explained.

The Mauritanian military regime of President Taya is nervous about being dragged back into the conflict, analysts say.

The former civilian regime of President Moktar Ould Daddah third of the former Spanish Sahara except for the strategically important garrison of La Guera.

Since Col. Taya took over just over two years ago be has sought strict neutrality in contrast to his predecessor Col. Haidalla who was seeo as too sympathetic towards the Polisario.

Many northern Mauritanians have close ethnic and cultural ties with the Polisario and support its struggle for self-determination, analysts say. They are also suspi-cious of their powerful northern neighbour's amhitions - in 1969 Morocco claimed all of Mauritania down to the Senegal river.

President Taya restored diplomatic relations with Morocco in 1985 while continuing to recognise the Saharan Arah Democratic Republic. Internally he has given priority to restoring the ture.

country's drought-and war-rav-aged economy.

Although improved rains le le helped to increase the cereals harvest to 95,000 tonnes in 1986, compared with 20,000 tonnes in 1984, Mauritania still imports nearly two-thirds of its food. Food self-sufficiency is a receding target, according to some aid donors. Desert already covers 75 per cent of the country and is advancing hy four miles a year.

Major reforms in food policy, Zanth treaty was signed in 1979 and ched to the first World Bank 150 Bank Mauritania gave up the southern instructural adjustment loan of . with a some \$40 million due to be Ella: approved early June. Banking, better energy, fisheries, iron ore mining = 1 ! and institutional reforms are also included in the programme.

The Taya regime has made a stand big effort over the past two years 25 the ra to promote economic recovery. "The last thing it wants is to be dragged hack into the Sabaran war," one aid donor in Nouakchott said.

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However, Mauritania may find itself powerless to prevent the Polisario using its territory to launch further sea and land raids and this could provoke reprisals 300, 2 from Morocco, If this happens had be Mauritania may feel the need to want invoke its military cooperation agreement with France in order to help preserve its territorial integrity - Financial Times fea-

Labour has to claw back biggest ever losses to beat Thatcher

By Brian Mooney Reuter

LONDON - As the British general election campaign begins, the odds are stacked firmly in favour of the ruling Conserva-

Only a new generation of voters who have known no other prime minister hut Margaret Thatcher, plus the ehh and flow of campaign fortunes, a volatile electorate and a three-way split in the vote inject some uncertainty

into the June 11 poll. To beat Thatcher outright for control of the 650-member House of Commons. Neil Kinnock's opposition Labour Party has to capture 122 seats it does not hold while the alliance of Liberals and Social Democrats would need an additional 299.

History, alone, seems able to give comfort to the opposition. Britons have in the past displayed a capacity for dumping seemingly invincible leaders. Winston Churchill was booted out of office in a general election after World War II and David Lloyd-George was ditched against all odds in 1922.

Also, no prime minister has won a third term in a row since the modern British parliamentary system was established with the great reform act in 1832.

Thatcher's Conservatives are defending a bloc of 391 setas and hefore the announcement on Monday of early elections they could have stayed in office until the expiry of their five-year mandate in June 1988.

Labour currently holds 204 seats and the alliance 27 -- 19 for David Steel's Liberals and eight for David Owen's Social Demo-

cent. This is sufficient to secure them another comfortable majority even though most analysts expect the electorate to clip Thatcher's wings by giving her not quite such a massive majority.

in the same series of polls, support for Labour stood at 31.6 per cent while the alliance trailed in third place at just under 25 per Local elections on May 7 gave

the Conservatives approximately 39 per cent, Labour 31 per cent and the alliance 26 per cent.

All the parties will be targetting the "Thatcher generation"

just under six million voters, some 16 per cent of the electorate, who have reached the voting age of 1g since Thatcher first came to power in 1979. Almost

three million youngsters will be eligible to vote for the first time. As most seats are already firmin the hands of entrenched supporters of Socialists or Conservatives, the parties will also be concentrating on some I12 marginal constituencies where the election will be effectively won

and lost. Labour is fighting not just for power hut also for survival as the

main opposition party.

Its share in the popular vote has declined from a highwater mark of 48.8 per cent in 1951 to 27.6 per cent in the June 1983 election when it suffered its higgest ever loss of support. In the previous election in 1979, Labour had won 36.9 per cent of the vote and 269 of the then 635 parliamentary seats.

The slump has been mirrored in part by the diminishing size of

The average of the last six Britain's traditional working opinion polls put support for the class. Manual lahourers Conservatives at just over 41 per accounted for 47 per cent of the population in the 1960s, today they represent less than 34 per

Other parallel shifts in class and ownership patterns have changed Britain since Thatcher

came to power. Share ownership has roughly trehled from seven per cent of the adult population in 1979 to nearly 20 per cent, or some 8.5 million

American Community

At the same time, the proportion of Britons who own their homes rather than live in local

government-subsidised rented accommodation rose from 52 per cent to 66 per cent.

Under Thatcher, trade union membership has also declined from 30 per cent of the electorate

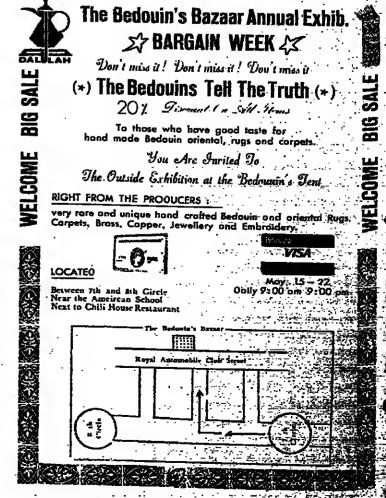
If the Labour Party can recover to above 250 seats, it will be able to claim it is hack in business. Anything less than 250 after nearly 10 years of Thatcher could be

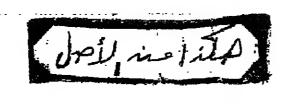
reckoned a disaster.

Of the candidates selected in Labour's 130 target seats more than half are far to the left of the party leadership.



Contributing schools:





Petra facilities DO you know that 15,000 tourists visited Petra in the month of April alone? Impressive number isn't it? Even more impressive

when one considers that the basic facilities provided in Petra are

"shrinking" with the time instead of developing.

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where they can relax. The one storey huilding there, nwned half by

the Department of Antiquities and half hy a hotel chain, which

used to run the only restaurant there, is now closed to the public

The reason is that the hotel chain found it too expensive to keep the

restaurant open, while the museum that the Antiquity Department

thought of having in that same huilding, has not materialised. As a result, the huilding is closed and with it the basic facilities that

visitors could use. As for the former small hotel in the Kasr Al Bint

area, it was handed over by the owners to the Antiquity Department and is only being used by archaeology teams and is not

In fact, what is happening is that tourists, visiting Petra for the day, can nnly use the tea-shop run hy a bednuin just in font of the museum. There, they may have a cup of tea in the open air and eat

their picnic lunches, at the terrace. But still no facilities, no toilets.

Anyone with an urgent need will have to gn to the hotel in Wadi

Certainly the Department of Antiquities should think of a way of

reopening the nice building that exists already. I heard that the maintenance expenses of the electricity generator were the main

reason for the closing of the building. Really we can't be

Randa Habibs

By Boris Weintraub - National Geographic

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CHICAGO - Most Americans are familiar with the Baseball Immortals. The National Italian-Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y., or the Pro Foothall Hall of has been so successful that it is Fame in Canton, Ohio, or the moving to a larger building in the Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Mass.

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But did you know there is a Candy Makers Hall of Fame in Hershey, Pa.; an Alabama Turkey Hunters Hall of Fame in Linden, Ala.: the National Humnnr Hall of Fame, address Box HoHo, in Le Claire, Iowa; a Christian Hall of Fame in Cantnn, Ohio; a Big Band Hall of Fame in Wilmington, Del.; nr a Dog Mushers Hall of Fame in Kuik, Alaska?

Did they say 'drainage'?

There are Accountants. Insurance, and Drainage halls of fame in Columbus, Obio. There is an Aviation Hall of Fame in Dayton, Ohio, hut also a National Aviauon Hall of Fame in Hammondsport, N.Y. The Naoonal Fresh Water Fishing Hall of Fame near Hayward, Wis., is distinguished hy a 140-foot sculpture of a muskellunge, something that is ahsent from the Texas Salt Water Fishing Hall of Fame on Galves-

The Racing Hall of Fame in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., has no connection with the Hall of Fame of the Trotter in Goshen, N.Y. Here in Chicago, the new Junior Achievement National

into the desert

By Tom Holmes

NOUAKCHOTT - "It looked

as if we were landing in a snow-

storm except that it was like

stepping ioto a furoace," said an

chott, was again shrouded by one

of the Sabara's stifling sand-

storms, with the midday sun re-

duced to a pale twilight glow.

Although close to the Atlantic

Some 85 per ceot of Maurita-

nia's one million square

kilometres is now covered by

desert, which cootinues to adv-

ance at the rate of six kilometres

a year, according to a United

Livestock farming, one of the

country's main sources of wealth,

has been compressed into a nar-

row band of pastureland above the Seoegal River in the south of

The population has migrated

southwards, and nomad berbers

have been forced to settle in

shantytowns where they can sur-

An estimated 85 per ceot of the

1.8 million inhabitants now live in

a strip between Nouakchott and

the Senegalese border to the

Overgrazing and the concen-

tration of population has acceler-

ared the degradation of the fra-

of virtually all Mauritanians who

are cutting down trees eight omes

as fast as they grow. About one-

third of the country's tree cover,

located mainly in the Senegal

River hasin, has disappeared over

The couotry has been affected

hy drought since 1968, with only

short periods of relief, and under-

ground water tables have been

receding at over five metres a

Although better rains and har-

vests have been recorded in the

past two years. Mauritania still

Firewood is the domestic fuel

vive on handouts of food aid.

the country.

south.

gile environment.

the past 10 years.

Mauritania's capital, Nonak-

Reuter

amazed traveller.

a few sparse shrubs.

Mauritania disappears

Ocean, Nouakchott has been en. donor commented ...

gulfed by the spreading desert. 4.4. Flood recession farming to the

The moonscape scenery is co-traiver valleys is seed as simpler

vered with shale and snow-white and less ecologically damaging sand. There are no trees and only and is likely to remain more

Science and Industry, just a floor away from the Nnbel Hall of American Sports Hall of Fame suburbs. But the Chicago Sports Hall of Fame consists unly nf photographs hanging in a Soldier

Field concourse. The 13 members of the Hall of Fame of the International College of Surgeons, from Im-hotep tn Mme. Curie, are immortalised in larger-thao-life statues.

But the Pickle Packers Hall of Fame exists only in a series of photographs and citations in the Pickle Makers Guild's annual directory, and the Chicago Black Athletes Hall of Fame has not yet chosen any inductees, though it hopes to dn so by next fall.

If, as Emily Dickinson wrote, fame is a fickle food, upon a shifting plate," Americans seem iotent upon freeze-drying it in a bewildering array of halls of fame. Name a sport, an activity, a location, an ethnic group, and chances are there is a hall of fame somewhere attempting to convey immortality.

Reflection of hero worship

Victor Danilov, who recently retired as director of the Museum of Science and Industry and was instrumental in bringing the Nobel and husiness halls of fame to the museum, has concluded that halls of fame are "an Amer-

sales are being reinvested in agri-

ing efforts to develop irrigated farming in the Senegal River and

Gorgol Noir River valleys. Some

10,000 hectares should be de-

veloped by 1990 but this will meet

only a fraction of oational de-

"Irrigated farming is capital intensive and expensive. It is dif-

ficult to operate and maintain in a

largely illiterate society," an aid

President Maaouya Sid'ahmed

Ould Taya, who took over two

years ago, has been expanding

'food-for-work' programmes,

which are encouraged by donors

in the hope that they will check

the growth of a "soup kitchen

mentality" among refugees.
Nouakchott has undergone a

work programme, residents re-

One of the social effects of

drought has been to force Berber

nomads to sell their herds and

The country's estimated one

million head of cattle has been

reduced by more than one third and the 6.5 million sheep and

settle around the towns.

important for several years at

The government has been mak-

cultural projects.

hero worship."

There are an estimated 600 or so of them in this country, as npposed to only a handful in other countries.

"In many cases, it's not just an honour, but a cause that's being promoted," says Danilov. "Fnr example, ethnic halls of fame honour someone from that heritage, hut they also cause people tn pay attention to Italians, or blacks, or whatever."

The pioneer was the Hall of Fame for Great Americans, begun in 1900 on what was then the Bronx campus of New York University. The Basehall Hall nf Fame came next, in 1939. But the hig boom began in the 1950s, as Americans began to lavish attention, zeal, and moncy on things that were important to them. By the late 1970s, a new hall of fame was being created every mnnth.

A lot of attention in the last few years has gone to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, which will be huilt in Cleveland. The group behind it has been negotiating with architect I.M. Pei to design the \$25 million huilding.

But the less-expensive halls of fame in the Chicago area are, as a group, mare typical of halls throughout the country.

The Nobel Hall of Immortals honours American winners of Nobel Prizes in physics, chemistry, and physiology or medicine. A slide show tells the history of the prizes; a film includes such exotica as George Bernard

Business Hall of Fame is going ican phenomenon that apparently Shaw's speech at the 1921 Nobel great guns at the Museum of reflects the national desire for Prize dinner for Albert Einstein. Artifacts include a doodle pad used hy physicist Tsung-dan Lee, who won the 1957 award.

The Chicago Sports Hall of Fame was created in 1979 as a promotional enterprise by a hrewery, and turned over to the Chicagn Park District in 1982. The inductees range from wellknown figures to some virtually unknown even in Chicagn.

Fame Italian style

George Randazzo founded the National Italian-American Sports Hall of Fame in 1978 to support youth programmes. Joe DiMaggio and Eddie Arcarn attended their induction dinner. "That gave the organisation credibility," says Randazzo. Sonn he was collecting memorabilia for display: Rocky Marciano's championship belt, Marin Andretti's racing car, Primn Carnera's size-18 boxing shoes. Randazzo stresses that the hall aims "to promote Italian-Americans in a posiove

similar nation guides Carol Thomas and her associates as they plan the Chicago hlack Athletes Hall of Fame, to be housed in the DuSahle Museum of African-American History. 'We want to honour those athletes who have given something back to the community, people who were role models,"

she says. Five will be chosen each And then there are those halls of which Danilov comments, "They



Hardly shy about his new bronze star on Hollywood's Walk of Fame, comedian Dom De Luise leads friends in cheering and applause. The walk exemplifies the spirit that has led Americans to establish about 600 halls of fame honouring dog mushers, pickle packers, and others who excel in their craft.

of them are collections of clothing, photos, diaries, and letters just stacked in the corner.'

Perhaps the most noteworthy of these is the collection of one

sound better than they are. A lot Jennie Lee in Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif. Known professionally as "The Bazoom Girl," Ms. Lee hopes to develop her collection into a proper home for the Exotic Dancers Hall of Fame.

Women from the United States

In addition to the Philippines

Organisers said this year's win-

Board director Joseph Chew

imost important single evect

He estimated 600 million view-

The tourist board estimates the

would get as a result would nor-

Singapore is suffering from a

The tourist board estimates the

Cattersoo, was excluded from the

compension when it was disco-

vered she was five weeks short of

her 17th birthday by the Fehruary

Remnants of World War II still on Bangladesh roads By Anis Ahmed them sitting jauntily on the bon-

npen for the public.

KAUKHALI, Bangladesh — More than 40 years after the end of the Second World War, a fleet

calculating that much... our plasters.

of jeeps ahandoned by Briosh forces provides the main form of public transport for thousands of people in Bangladesh. But although the sturdy old

vehicles have an impressive safety record, passengers have to be prepared to get out and push occasionally. "They are old and hattered,

hut safe even on poor roads, said a traffic policeman io this small southern Bangladesh town. He said the jeeps were the main means of transport for thousands of people in the Chittagong hill tracts, travelliog over

some of Bangladesh's most rug-

ged and dangerous roads. Former President Ziaur Rahman, visitiog the hill tracts a year before he was killed in an abortive mutiny in May 1981, nick-

named the jeep "moon huggies." The name, highlighting the similarities between Bangladesh country roads and the luoar terrain astronauts must negotiate, has stuck.

The Bangladesh buggies can are mucarry up to 25 people, several of Ahmad.

heen exhausted, he said, and locally-made substitute? last long. Another driver pointed out

net, and seemingly impossible

Fares are low hut all passen-

gers, except the sick, must be

ready to lend a hand when the

vehicle needs a push to get it started or when it hesitates up a

They also have to be prepared

to direct the driver, who often sits

behind passengers and their be-

The buggies are mainly unco-

Sharif Hossain has driven a

huggy for 12 years, and proudly

boasted to Reuters: "It has never

toll, Hossain added, and one of

the main difficulties was spare

Time was beginning to take its

Geouine jeep spares had long

vered, although some drivers do

provide umhrellas for their pas-

quantities of merchandise.

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failed me."

that age was the jeep's main safety feature. "Driving a new vehicle gives one a kind of jovial sensation that

often leads to mishaps, Old cars are much safer," said Moqbul

Third of U.S. homeless are tamilies with children

By William M. Welch The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — More than one-third of the homeless people in selected major U.S. cities are families with children, said a study released May 9. The survey of 29 cities by the

U.S. Conference of Mayors reported the number of families requesting emergency shelter during the last year increased hy an average 31 per cent. Only ooe city reported the number had oot increased.

grow hy at least three per cent over last year's total of 3.2 mil-"Families, primarily single-parent families, make up a substantial portioo of the homeless population," said Charleston, Plans for the pageant have not been without their hitches, with one competitor already disqual-South Carolina, Mayor Joseph P. Riley Jr., president of the Con-Miss Scotland, Eileen Ann

ference of Mayors. I deadline set down to the rules.

"Too often the requests for homeless families for emergency shelter are going unmet, as are their needs for other services," he

The conference of big-city mayors released the report of its task force on hunger and homelessness, saying it documents a growing problem of homelessness and housing shor-

tages in urhan America.

Each of the surveyed cides cited the lack of affordable housing as one of the main causes of homelessness. A lack of jobs was identified as the cause in twothirds of the cioes, and a majority cited inadequate public assistance benefits and problems with wel-

fare programmes. The study said families represented just over one-third of the homeless population in the surveved cities, and well over twothirds of those families were headed hy single parents.

Shelter beds have increased by

21 per cent over the last two years in those cities, it said, and many more homeless were reported to be doubling up in housing with friends or relatives.

Fans pick early favourites in Miss Universe contest

By Jose Katigbak

SINGAPORE — While the rest of Asia appears preoccupied with war, politics and trade, Singapore's attention is firmly fixed on some of the most beautiful young women in the world.

The island republic with a reputation for puritanical government is playing host to this year's Miss Universe pageant on May

With the contestants already assembled, fans, photographers and eveo some of the competitors are pinning hopes for ao Asiah 'victory on Miss Philippioes, 23year Geraldioe Villaruz Asis.

It has been 13 years since an Asian competitor has won the title and some contestants believe both the time and venue are right for an oriental winner.

"Miss Philippines is the tallest of the Asian contestants and because of that and her Asian-European features, I think her chances of winning are good," Miss Thailand, Chutima Naiyana, told Reuters.

major clean-up in the past six months through the food-for-Victoria Kwong, chaperon of the five-foot eight-inch (1.73m) Asis, added: "Everyone's been admiring her height and mestiza (Eurasian) features. Provided she doesn't stumble on the catwalk, I think she has an excellent chance of winning."

Asis herself was coy when asked to rate her chances, hut said: "If hy chance I wio I'll donate some of the prize money to the church and the poor.

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goats by 20 per cent since 1980. Between 1970-80, it is esti-Other early favourites are Miss U.S.A., Miss New Zealand and mated, two out of every three nomads have settled in the towns. Miss Venezuela. "We have seen the death of a Ines Maria Calero, 1g, of Venezuela, hoping to follow in culture. The lords of the desert

have been reduced to the beggars the footsteps of compatriot Barof the towns," one observer comhara Palacios Teyde, the current titleholder, has history against The problem is greatest in the her. Competitors from the same capital which was huilt at indecountry have never won in suc-cessive years since the pageant pendence from France in 1960 as a city for 30,000 people hut now began in 1952. shelters nearly 500,000.

The record books do not worry The modern city centre is in Calero. "I think I have the same danger of being overwhelmed hy chance as anyone," she told Reua vast shantytown of makeshift wooden shacks. Most of the city's

"There's always a first time for inhahitants lack running water, everything, and I'm sure she'll electricity or basic health care win," interjected Miss Honduras, and education and live a zombie-Francia Tatiana Reyes. like existence without work, wait-Miss Hong Kong, Soi Fui ing for the next handout.



Beauties of the Miss Universe contest in Singapore pose around the Merlion monument, symbol of the city. The merlion has a lion's head and a mermaid's body.

Chung, said if she were a punter she would bet on Miss U.S.A., Michelle Rover, or Miss New Zealand, Ursula Kim Ryan.

Miss England, Yvette Livesey. said everyone had a chance to win but she reckoned: "It's Europe's

hands of the gods."
Only four Asian beauties have

Miss Mexico, Cynthia Fallon Garcia Cepeda, was more fatalistic, saying: "It's all up in the

become Miss Universe: Akiko Knjima from Japan (1959) Apasra Hongsakula from Thailand

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McEnroe says injury hampering his return

The once No I edges Argentine Davin in Italian Open

ROME (R) — John McEnroe said Wednesday a back complaint that has been troubling him for two years could keep him from regaining his world number one form.

McEnroe, who ruled as the success game's top men's player from 1981 through 1984, said he had suffered occasional twinges during matches since 1985. It has got to the point where

when it hurts to play I don't give more than 75 per cent," be said. But the 28-year-old American said he bad felt no discomfort during his three-set victory at the Italian Open here over Argentine teenager Franco Davin, which ended early Wednesday morning after two power cuts blacked out

the centre court. McEnroe said the injury bad been the main reason why be had not played in this year's Japan Open and lay behind his decision last year to take a six and a half month break from the game.

He said he had tried everything to solve the problem but without

"I didn't want to come back until I was 100 per cent fit," be said. "Unfortunately I couldn't do that. I have put myself under quite a lot of stress in the last eight months ... it just didn't turn

"It could be just an injury or it could be all the years I have been playing," be said. "But I still feel there's hope... I would like to go back to how l was in 1984 that's my goal."
In 1984, as world number one,

out as planned but that's all past

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be won his third Wimbledon title. his fourth U.S. Open crown and reached the final of the French

"If it doesn't happen (the recovery), then I've still had a good career and it's something to be proud of. Maybe I just didn't

quite get the icing on the cake...' Earlier Wednesday McEnroe had to play extra late before finally securing victory in the early hours at the \$495,000 Italian

Open Tennis Championships.
It was after midnight (2200
GMT) in Rome when McEnroe completed a 3-6. 6-2, 6-3 first round win over 17-year-old Argentine qualifier Franco Davin, after delays caused by a hitch in the Italian capital's power

A surprisingly equable McEn-roe, who bad watched top seeds Ivan Lendl, the defending champion, and Mats Wilander enjoy straight set victories during the afternoon session at the Foro Italico, had reason to thank the two blackouts which halted play on the centre court for a total of

"It seemed something like that was bound to bappen bere," McEnroe said later. "I am glad they went out when they did. I guess the chance to sit down and really think helped a bit."

McEnroe, who has set his heart on becoming the first American to win the French Open since Tony Trabert in 1955, said: 'If I could win only one of the big four this year then the French bas to be the title I would like most.'

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Champions France get tough draw for World Team Cup

DUESSELDORF, West Germany (R) — Titlebolders France were grouped with three other past champions in Wednesday's draw for next week's \$750,000 eight-nation world team cup. the most important men's team tennis event after the Davis Cup.

The French were drawn in the

"Blue" Group with the United States, Spain and Argentina. The United States, with John McEnroe and Jimmy Connors teaming up for the first time since winning the tournament in 1985, look the most serious threat to the chances of Henri Leconte,

reaching the final again. Sweden, last year's losing finalists, will be favourites in the

Thierry Tulasne and Guy Forget

"Red" Group even though Mats Wilander decided to withdraw on Tuesday. They meet Czechoslo-vakia, Davis Cup champlons Au-stralia and West Germany.

Stefan Edberg, Anders Jarryd and Joakim Nystrom form a strong squad who hope to end Sweden's surprising failure to win the tournament even though it is played on their favourite clay

The Swedes meet hosts West Germany, who are without Wimbledon champion Boris Becker, in the opening match on Monday with Czechoslovakia fac ing Australia the same day.

The group winners after a round-mbin meet in the final on

Tennis star condemns pros admission to Olympics

SYDNEY (R) — Former Australian tennis star Ken Rosewall Wednesday condemned a recent decision by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) to allow professional tennis players to take part in the Seoul summer

But, mirroring the division of opinion among current professional players, former Wimbledon champions Neale Fraser and Margaret Court said they were excited by the prospect of the world's top players competing for Olympic gold medals.

"I have always believed in the simple ideals of the games. Allowing the richest of sportsmen

mockery of those ideals," said Rosewall, a former U.S. Open

"Apart from the bypocrisy, the addition of yet another big sport to the games will make the problem of controlling them more and more horrendous," he said.

Court disagreed with Rosewall, saying she believed the inclusion of professional tenms would enbance the reputation of the Olympics.

The Olympics should feature the best in the world, they should be open to all," Court told Reu-

"If all the top players turn up, year's Federation Cup.

an Olympic gold medal will rank alongside winning one of the 'big four' tennis titles," said Court, who won a clutch of Wimbledon, French, Australian and U.S. ti-

Countries that reach the quar-ter-finals of both the Davis Cup and the Federation Cup will qualify for two players in each draw. A number of spots will be saved for wildcards, which will probably be given to players from the strongest tennis countries.

ders, are in this year's quarterfinals while their women's team reached the quarter-finals of last

Australia, the Davis Cup-bol-

Piquet fit for Belgian

Grand Prix after crash

LONDON (R) — Brazil's Nelson Piquet has fully recovered from a 300-kph crasb two weeks ago and will take part in practice for this Sunday's Belgian Grand Prix, a spokeswoman for his Williams team said Wednesday.

Piquet sat ont the San Marino Grand Prix at Imola on May 3 after he suffered concussion and leg injuries in the crash during the opening practice session.

He had set the fastest practice time and was keen to race despite the crasb but doctors refused to give him a medical certificate to

The spokeswoman said Piquet had resumed driving last week and would travel to Belgium with the rest of the team on Thursday. "He is fine and has not bad any

ill effects from the concussion. the spokeswoman said. "The only thing he bas is a little bit of pain from his bruished foot but be will

Brewers, Royals vault into A.L. lead; Bonds is Pittsburgh's hottest hitter

NEW YORK (AP) — The Milhaukee Brewers and Kansas City Royals are travelling in

opposite directions.

While reeling Milhaukee lost to
Oakland 10-8 Tuesday night for
its seventb straight setback and slipped into a virtual tie for first place in the American League East, Kansas City defeated Toronto 3-1 for its seventh victory in nine games and vaulted from fourth place to first in the A.L. West.

"To win, you need good de-fence, good pitching, hitting and aggressive baserunning," Brew-ers manager Tom Trebelhorn said. "Every night it's a different component we're breaking down on. You get what you deserve in this game and I'm not crying about losses. When you get that many hits (17) and steal that many bases (three), you expect to

The Brehers' lead has reduced to I1 percentage points over New York, which beat Chicago 5-1 in 13 innings. In the west, Kansas City leads California and Seattle by seven points.

In other games, it ws Detroit 15, California 2-Boston 3, Seattle 2-Baltimore 10, Minnesota 7, and Texas 6, Cleveland 1. Royals 3, Blue Jays 1

eight innings and Bill Pecota went 1-for-I; including a solo home, no Lugo gave up eight runs run. Black was making only his second start of year, both against Toronto. He beat the Blue Jays in Kansas City last Tuesday.

Toronto's John Cerutti made his first start of the year and lasted 2 1-3 innings. Kansas City and eighth innings and left fielder took a 2-0 lead in the first inning. Mike Greenhell threw the tying

doubled Salazar home and Seitzer scored on Danny Tartabull's sacrifice fly. Pecota homered in the second inning.
Yankees 5, White Sox 4

Mike Pagliarulo's second home run of the game tied the score in the 10th inning and Willie Randolph's single with two out in the 13th won it. Wayne Tolleson led off against Bobby Thigpen with a single and bas sacrificed to second by Joel Skinner. After Rickey Henderson grounded out, Randolph linked a drive over the bead of left fielder Gary Redus to score Tolleson.

Winner Cecilio Guante pitched the final three innings and allowed one hit as the White Sox suffered their sixth consecutive defeat.

Tigers 15, Angels 2 Dan Petry, who bas struggled

since elboh surgery last summer, allowed three hits in seven innings for his first victory of the season and the Tigers backed him with 18 hits. Petry, who has been the subject of trade rumours for several days, allowed two unearned runs, struck out eight and halked two for his first victory since last Sept. 19.

The Tigers got bome runs from Darnell Coles and Mike Heath Bud Black allowed five hits in and scored in each of the first five innings as Oakland starter Urbaonly three earned - in 2 I-3 innings and Gary Lucas yielded six more in the next 2 2-3 innings. Red Sox 3, Mariners 2

Joe Sambito and Wes Gardner pitched out of jams in the seventh Angel Salazar doubled. Kevin run out at the plate to end the

game as Boston snapped Seattle's four-game winning streak.

Mike Kingery singled with one out in the Seattle ninth. With two outs, Harold Reynolds bit a fly ball to short left. Shortstop Ed Romero plowed into Greenhell but the left fielder recovered and nailed Kingery trying to score. Orioles 10, Thins 7

Fred Lynn's grand slam tied the score in the eighth inning and pinch hitter Larry Sbeets hit a three-run homer with one out in the minth. Both bomers came off Minnesota relief ace Jeff Reardon.

The Orioles, held to five hits through seven innings by Frank Viola, tied the scope in the eighth. Viola bas lifted after Dave Van Gorder balked to open tbe eighth. Keith Atherton retired two batters but bas replaced by Reardon following a single by Cal Ripken Jr. and a balk to Eddie Murray. Lynn hit a 1-2 pitch for his fifth career grand slam and the second allowed by Reardon in his last three outings. Rangers 6, Indians 1

Charlie Hough allowed four hits in 7 1-3 innings for his 10th straight victory over Cleveland, Larry Parrish hit a three-run bomer and Pete O'Brien drove in two runs with a bomer and a single as Texas spoiled Steve Carlton's first start for the In-

Hough, who hasn't lost to the Indians since April 1981, improved his career record against Cleveland to 13-1 and didn't allow a run until Brook Jacoby's eighth-inning homer.

National league

So this is what Barry Bonds can do. Bonds, Pittsburgh's 22-year-old second-year outfielder and son of former major league star Bobby Bonds, has been highly touted since joining the Pirates early last season. Until the last 10 games, however. Bonds had sbown only glimpses of the talent he possesses.

Right now, Bonds is Pittsburgh's bottest hitter and bright-est ballplayer. He bas raised his runs.

average 63 points in two weeks, going from .212 to .275, and his three-run bomer Tuesday night helped the Pirates rout San Diego

Elsewhere in the National League, it was St. Louis 6, San Francisco 5- Los Angeles 7, Chicago 0- Atlanta 5, Montreal 2-Houston 5, Philadelphia 2, and

New York 6, Cincinnati 2. Bonds also got lucky Tuesday. night in just getting to the plate in the second inning. R.J. Reynolds had doubled before pitcher-Rick Reuschel struck out but reached first base as catcher Benito Santiago failed to handle the pitch. Bonds followed with his fourth bomer of the season, to straight-

away centre. Cardinals 6, Giants 5

Rookie left-bander Joe Magrane won his third straight decision. Curt Ford drove in three runs and Willie McGee had a two-run bomer as St. Louis edged ahead of Chicago and into first place in the N.L. East by .001. Magrane, 3-0, has allowed only

six earned runs in 31 innings over four starts since being promoted. from Louisville on April 21. He lasted into the ninth, but a leadoff. double to Bob Melvin and a single by Chris Speier in the ninth was the end. . Rick Honeycutt pitched his

first shutout in more than three years with a four-hitter. Honeyoutt, 2-1, struck out six and halked one for his 11th career Fally and shutout and first in a nine-inning game since he beat Houston 1-0 on April 17, 1981.

Ken Landreaux hit a two-run who had two hits.

Braves 5, Expos 2 mound and at the plate for Atlanta. The left-hander upped his record to 1-1, allowing six hits in the state of 1-3 innings before getting solid relief belp from Jeff Dedmon. He also had a three-run double in the second inning off Ubaldo Heredia, who making his first major league appearance at the age of 31.

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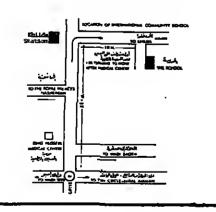
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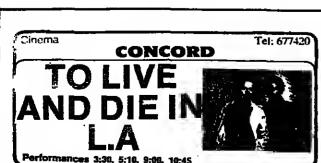
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LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets on Wednesday.

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LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON (R) - Share prices continued steady during a moderate afternoon's trading, moving higher throughout the session as buyers moved back into the market to pick up cheap stock after Tuesday's brisk retreat, dealers said.

By 1400 GMT the FTSE 100 index was up 24.8 points to 2,168.1, just below the day's high and looking set to break the closing high record of 2,163.3 set on May 11. Dealers said the market appears to be settling down after the

recent intense speculation over the election call date and is preparing to respond to the anticipated stream of opinion polls during the general election campaign. Tuesday's gain on Wall Street helped some of the large international companies as did the slightly firmer dollar, but

dealers said they saw future price fluctuations being determined by domestic factors during the election run up.

Opinion poils are forecast to hold the key to the market's tone over the coming weeks. Analysts are starting from the basis provided by recent polls that the Conservatives will be returned to power with a comfortable majority. A state of affairs which could

take the FTSE 100 well above the 2,200 level.

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FORECAST FOR TRURSDAY, MAY 14, 1987

GENERAL TENDENCIES; All sorts of changes and new arrangements are starting to take shape and are apt to be quite dramatic. Look quietly for the opportunities you need.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) You have good judgment now and can also benefit from a missiva from one who

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Observe the monetary problems others are having and learn from them. See the friends you like today.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) You may be annoyed with a partner. Listen to the advice of one who thinks MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21) Try to keep

calm if something comes up that seems to get in the way of your steady progress. LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) Arguments between the one

you love and others could make for tension, but be loyal to your mate. .

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Today you have to handle a perplexing situation, but don't come to any definite decision as yet.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) You are anxious to have a good time; but your friends have others plans. Invite

a partner along with you instead. SCORP1O (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Although a change may occur in financial affairs, don't get excited or you could take quite a loss.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Don't light into an associate who is flighty today. Enjoy inexpensive

recreations tonight.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Don't permit a private anxiety to spoil the activities you have planned

· AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) You may not agree with what your mate desires of you, but don't argue. Get busy at your regular routine.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Try not to argue at home.

Get busy with your personal monetary affairs and improve them.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY ... he, or she,

is apt to make sudden and unexpected moves, so be sure to teach the importance of being steadfast to this child. Don't stifle the imagination of this one, but do teach him, or her, to handle original ideas in a most practical fashion. One who will love sports.

FORECAST FOR FRIDAY, MAY 15, 1987

GENERAL TENDENCIES: Watch for unusual occurrences that can be turned to your advantage. There can be much happiness of a social, romantic or artistic

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Something new enters your life and can bring you happiness. New contacts can bring you data and backing.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) An nnexpected situation with your mate can now bring you greater happiness and gain you a coveted wish.
GEM1NI (May 21 to June 21) Contact that clever in-

dividual who can show you how to gain the wishes you have long been striving for.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21) You are in-

spired now, so handle your activities with more enthusiasm. You will feel satisfied.

LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) You may get an unexpected invitation for a delightful time, so take it. This may lead to follow-up amusements. V1RGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Home affairs may come

up that require tactful handling if you are to steer clear of ensuing problems. LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) A new contract may re-

quire the assistance of a clever partner. Don't let your emotions get the better of you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Don't get into

arguments over finances. Co-workers with good judgment can relieve some confusion. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Avoid one with

whom you are bound to quarrel. Be kind and courteous

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Place your attention on a new course of action and don't let the old one

hold you back. AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19 An old friend and a new acquaintance could disagree on some matter, so

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Disturbing situations arise concerning someone you know, but don't get in-

volved. A new attitude is called for. IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY ... he, or she, will never be content at one job or be with one person for long, so let your progeny choose a profession in life that will require much travel, change and excitement. A certain amount of discipline will be necessary so that your progeny can avoid trouble.

Baker plays down prospects

PARIS (R) - U.S. Treasury Secretary James Baker, under fire as the global economy worsens, Wednesday olayed down expectations of new international economic accords at next month's summit of seven leading industrial nations in Venice.

Mr. Baker, at a breakfast bosted by the Anglo-American Press Association here, called on Japan and West Germany to live up to commitments to stimulate their economies that they made in the last such pact - February's Louvre accord.

But he brusbed aside suggesrions that, without early implementation of the Louvre accord. named after the palatial French art museum which also houses the finance ministry, the global economy could be heading for its biggest slump since the harsh recession of 1981.

OECD countries' economic growth should average 2.5 to three per cent if the Louvre accord is implemented, and Mr. Baker, who is here for the annual OECD ministerial meeting this week, said: "I don't think we should be down in the mouth about that."

The Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), a 24-nation forum for coordinating economic policies of Western industrial nations, forecasts growth at the low end of that prediction in the year ahead.

He said that predictions of recession have been made since and I don't think we ought to counter-productive, hurting their lion the previous year.

Looking ahead to next month's Venice summit, he said: "1 don't think we should get expectations up," adding that "we shouldn't look for a great big new agreement every time we get

together. The summit will bring together the leaders of the United States, Japan, West Germany, France, Britain, Italy and Canada at a time when world economic growth is slowing and financial markets remain in disarray.

faces a barrage of criticism. Detractors say he built expectations up too high, while defenders argue that Mr. Baker is being held responsible for many factors beyond his control. Mr. Baker said Wednesday

As a result, Mr. Baker now

that, while Japan and West Germany should meet their Louvre accord commitments, he was encouraged by signs of progress so The Feb. 22 accord calls on

Japan and West Germany to speed up their economic growth to help cut massive gaps between their own trade surpluses and the huge U.S. trade deficit. The accord also calls on the

United States to cut its budget deficit and fight protectionist sentiment on Capitol Hill. If implemented, the accord said currencies should stabilise

around current levels. Mr. Baker repeated that the seven nations believed a further 1983 but that "we haven't seen it decline of the dollar could be

think we are going to see it now." attempt to shore up the global есопоту.

He said the Louvre accord would help to achieve a further reduction in the U.S. trade de-

Japan, he said, bas made encouraging commitments to pass a roughly \$35 billion package to boost its economy and this week outlined the timing and scope of its package in private meetings with U.S. officials.

Mr. Baker said Japan's com-mitments were "credible promises" and praised recent interest rate cuts in Japan and West Germany as showing both countries were "well aware of the obligation that they have too in reducing external imbalances."

But Mr. Baker urged West Germany to stimulate its economy "as much as it can as soon as it can." He declined to say whether Wasbington wanted action before January 1988, as the Louvre accord specifies.

In West Germany, Economics Minister Martin Bangemann said his country bas not ebanged economic policies at all.

Other U.S. officials say that the United States has changed its position and is urging West Germany to cut taxes before the date set in the Louvre accord.

Washington, Mr. Baker said, was living up to its commitments made in February in Paris. He repeated statements that the budget deficit would come down \$40 billion this fiscal year, ending in October, from about \$220 bil-

Japan asks banks to curb dollar sales

LONDON (R) - The dollar was a little stronger in currency markets Wednesday after the Japanese government tried to talk it higher by asking Tokyo banks, brokers and investors to curb speculative sales of the U.S.

It touched 140.90 yen, its highest in two weeks, in Asia. Then, in Europe, it traded around 140.10 yen and 1.7960 marks after 139.55 and 1.7890 in London Tuesday night.

Gold was a shade weaker, at a London fixing price Wednesday morning of \$459.50 after ending Tuesday night at \$460.75. London share prices were up,

after a 14-point gain on Wall Street Tuesday night. But Japanese investors thought recent gains in Tokyo had been overdone and stocks there ended lower

Pundits worried about the global economy had their attention on Paris and talks there among ministers of the 24-nation Organisation for Economic

Cooperation and Development. The United States hopes that will belp correct its own huge trade deficit, a factor which bas been helping to drive the dollar down, in a way that does not prove recessionary globally.

Currency traders said that, if U.S. March trade figures due out Thursday are bad, the dollar would nosedive again.

The crisis over trading imba-

lances was highlighted by news Wednesday that Japan bad a record trade surplus with the United States last month. This soared to \$5.15 billion from \$3.78 billion in March. Still, although dealers were

sceptical about how far words could halt the dollar's 21/2-yearold decline, it did perk up a little Wednesday after Japan's government asked investors to cut back on speculative dollar sales. Also, West Germany trimmed

short-term interest rates Tuesday - a step to make mark holdings less attractive and belp stimulate business activity as the United States wants. Japan has been frying hard to find ways to stop the dollar's fall,

which has robbed its exporters of profits and threatened to throw

general of the finance ministry's international finance bureau, told reporters the government made its request about dollar sales in face to face meetings with heads of Japanese and foreign financial institutions.

Share prices closed lower in Tokyo. Some Japanese investors thought recent gains there had been too rapid, and the market average slipped 172.66 points to end at 24,363.19.

But gains on Wall Street Tuesday night helped put new beart into investors in London, where share values rebounded Wednesday morning after a shake-out on Tuesday.

London investors had cashed in gains after sbares had soared on business optimism that Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's Mr. Makoto Utsumi, director June 11 election.

Volkswagen recalls 275,000 cars

TROY, Michigen (R) — West German-owned Volkswagen U.S. Inc. said Tuesday it had recalled about 275,000 of its 1985/1987 model cars sold in the United States to fix fuel pumps that could fail in hot

The recall includes 1985-87 Jetta models, some 1985-1987 Sciroccos and Cabriolets and some 1986 Golf cars. The Jetta, Scirocco and Cabriolet vehicles were imported from West Germany, while the Golfs were built in the United States, a spokesman said.

Volkswagen said it was not aware of any accidents or injuries resulting from failure of the fuel pump or of any recall on the vehicles outside the United States. The spokesman noted that fuel systems on Volkswagen cars sold overseas are considerably different.

Last January, the company recalled 250,000 of its prestigious Audi 5000s cars, which bave been plagued with unexpected acceleration.

Bahrain banks seek new of major economic agreements ways into corporate finance

BAHRAIN (R) — Bahrain's banks are trying to establish a foothold in lucrative corporate restructurings in the United States and West Germany in a bid to offer a new type of investment for their wealthy Middle East customers.

At a time when traditional bank lending in the Middle East has all but dried up, two of Bahrain's offshore banks bave set up joint-venture operations to give Arab investors a way into small and medium-sized companies ab-

out to go public. It is a market nicbe in Bahrain which bad previously been the preserve of Arabian Investment Banking Corp., known as Invest-

Bahrain-based Investcorp, set up in 1982, made the running by buying companies and property in industrialised countries, mainly the United States, and selling debt or equity stakes to Arab investors in the Gulf.

This year has been two other Bahrain-based offsbore banks launch similar schemes with foreign partners to complement their normal business and, investment

bankers say, to carve out a slice of what is proving to be a very profitable cake.

One portfolio manager said: "If you get it right, the reward on these deals can be very high ... other banks are now broadening out the concept Investcorp has

Bahrain's largest bank, Arab Banking Corp (ABC), has set up an operation with a subsidiary of the U.S. investment house Moseley Holding Corp to provide bridging finance to American

companies about to go public. In addition, Bahrain Internarional Bank (BIB) launched a fund aimed at Arab investors with West German Matuschka group which will invest in small to medium-size German companies before they are brought to the stock market.

Mr. Hikmat Nasbashibi. cbair-

man of Moseley Capital Markets Ltd. in London, said the venture with ABC - American Bridge Finance Limited Partnership -"aims at lending money to medium-sized companies which are still privately owned and need finance before they can become

public companies. Arab investors putting up funds earn from profits of loans and from capital appreciation of stock warrants when a company goes public.

Arab investment of \$40 million is being sought and a portfolio of 20 to 30 companies could be built

The BIB/Matuschka operation is set up as a fund, the Gulf Matuschka German Private Companies Fund Ltd., to invest in family-owned German companies which could be resold or brought to the stock exchange to realise

BIB General Manager Donald Sellinger said the bank was confident of exceeding the original target of attracting investment capital of 100 million marks (\$55 million).

Australia unveils tough mini-budget embassy sites in Tokyo and Paris.

stralian government Wednesday unveiled a package of tough measures in a mini-budget aimed at saving four billion dollars (\$2.8 billion) in the next fiscal year's hudget and putting the economy on an even keel.

The measures, including beavy cuts in politically sensitive areas of welfare, health and education, would cut the expected budget deficit to 2.8 billion dollars (\$1.98 billion) or one per cent of gross domestic product in 1987/88.

They (the cuts) reduce the growth rate in government spending to its lowest level in 30 years," Treasurer Paul Keating said in presenting the economic statement to parliament.

Mr. Keating's package also envisaged the sale of government assets, including leasing international airport terminals, the sale of defence factories and dockyards, and of parts of Australian exports, such as wheat, coal, sugar government charges.

These were expected to raise earnings. one billion dollars (\$781 million). Business and financial analysts

ment and said Prime Minister Bob Hawke's Labour Party government bad lived up to market

Political analysts said Mr. Keating had taken a gamble in asking Australians to further tighten their belts with elections less than a year away. But any political backlash was

expected to be short-lived and not affect the government's prospects in the elections due before April next year, they said. Mr. Keating said the measures

were "the only way to secure Australia's future." Businessmen and industrialists readily agreed with him.

The budget savings were vital,

Market analysts said the new measures would set the course for welcomed Mr. Keating's state- a recovery of the Australian economy, now burdened by heavy balance of payments and foreign debt problems.

Lloyds Bank economist Warren Bird told Reuters the immediate impact would be a lowering of interest rates, which bad climbed to 18.5 per cent this year. The chief economist of Mid-

land International Australia, Mr. Helen Camp. said: "He (Keating) bas pretty well outlined fiscal policy for the rest of the year which bas the potential to stabilise the market."

Mr. Keating's economic package would cut public spending in the 1987/88 fiscal year, starting on July 1, by 2.6 billion dollars (\$1.8 billion), and bring in 400 million be said, because falling prices for dollars (\$234 million) from new

More strikes break out in Yugoslavia BELGRADE (R) — More ment of wages, which average \$30

strikes have broken out in Yugos- a month. lavia, shattering hopes that a set-

About 1,200 meat packers in the city of Zagreb Tuesday night annonnced an all-out strike, saying their managers had ruined the firm's finances and failed to pay staff for more than 10 weeks. A spokesman said they would stay on strike until their

demands were met. In Senj, on the Adriatic coast, 140 workers at a furniture factory walked out over a promised pay rise that did not materialise, local

authorities said. And 270 workers at a financialy-troubled metal plant in the port of Split maintained their week-old strike over non-pay-

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The latest industrial action strike with a 46 per cent pay rise for miners.

unlike a series of stoppages in March over a partial wage freez, were triggered by financial insolvency and mismanagement in industrial enterprises.

The recent wave of strikes,

At least 2,000 firms have been officially reported to be going broke. Some 200 are expected to be wound up over the next year

under a new bankruptcy law. The decay in Yugoslav industry is rooted in the country's disastrous economic performance, with 100 per cent inflation, \$20

and serious structural problems. The meat packers' strike at the Sljeme factory in Zagreb, capital tlement to a protracted miners' came two days after the Labin of the Croanian region, is the first strike could signal an upturn in coal mines, in northwest Yugosla- walkout in post-war Yugoslavia Yugoslavia's dismal economic via settled the country's longest organised by a trade union branch, the plant's union boss. Mr. Iko Gostovic, told reuters.

In Yugoslavia, unions are an integral part of the political system and firms are supposed to be run by "workers self-manage-ment committees." Workers, bowever, bave complained that managers are trying to take over

The meat packers on Tuesday said their strike had no political implications and demanded that management be held responsible for the financial crisis at the firm.

Mr. Gostovic said the factory had no money for raw materials billion in foreign debts, sagging and production had stopped some

Peanuts









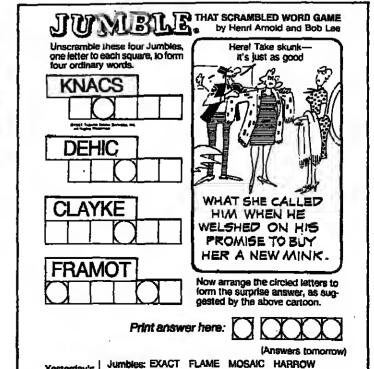
Mutt'n' Jeff



Andy Capp







Answer: What do ghosts eat for breakfast? — SCREAM OF WHEAT

House votes to restrict foreign access to 'Star Wars' funds

WASHINGTON (R) — The U.S. House of Representatives has approved a measure that could severely restrict the ability of foreign governments and firms to receive "Star Wars" research and development funds.

version of the 1988 defence hill, which is \$23 billion less than Mr. Reagan's \$312 billinn hudget

On a 229-187 vnte, the House approved an amendment that prohibits foreign firms or governments from receiving "Star Wars" research and development funds unless the Defence Department certifies that the work cannnt be dnne in the United States at an equivalent cost.

The mave could severely affect numerous firms around the world who had happed to win some af the hillinns of dollars being offered for research in "Star Wars." the land- and space-based

OSLO (R) — The Soviet Union

could easily cheat on a treaty to

reduce shnrt-range nuclear mis-

siles facing Western Europe de-

spite strict inspection procedures, U.S. Defence Secretary Caspar

"That is not to say that you

shnuld nnt sign an agreement,"

he said. "It is to say that you

should have a healthy degree of

scepticism about total and com-

Mr. Weinberger spoke with re-

porters en route in a NATO

Nuclear Planning Group (NPG)

meeting at Stavanger, Nnrway, this week, which will focus nn

U.S.-Soviet nuclear arms nego-

He said the United States

favoured glubal elimination of

medium-range (INF) Soviet SS-20 and U.S. Pershing-2 and

ground-launched cruise missiles

but had made no decision on a

Soviet proposal tn cut shnrter-

range missiles (SRINF) in the

"With a short-range missile it is

very hard to verify anything," Mr. Weinberger told reporters in

an interview on his aircraft be-

or farm trucks, or whatever and

move them around. They don't

require the infrastructure and it is

very much mnre difficult (to

to defeat rehels fighting the

Soviet-backed government in

Kabul, but this is not their aim,

TASS news agency reported

Mr. Najib said his "natinnal

reconciliation" policy aimed at ending the eight-year conflict

with the rebels was not a sign of

weakness, the official Soviet

agency, quoting statements by

Mr. Najib published in Kabul,

"On the contrary, never before

has a single Afghan government

had more numerous and better-

equipped armed forces than

ours," it qunted him as saying.

the enemy and continue the war to

complete victory," he added. "But this is not the aim of our

revulution, our party and

"We could step up attacks on

'You can put them in taxicabs,

tween Washington and Oslo.

Weinberger has said.

plete compliance.

European theatre.

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Weinberger: Soviets could

cheat on short-range missiles

The vote came during House consideration of its \$289 billion known as the Strategic Defence Initiative (SDI).

The Reagan administration has sought the support of U.S. allies around the world in the SDI project and a number of foreign firms and countries were planning to compete for programme con-

The Senate and Mr. Reagan must agree on the measure before it becomes law, and unanimnus approval is far from certain. But the vote highlighted the strong protectionist sentiment brewing

Monday's other vntes reflected the Democrat-led House's ambivalence about the controver-

spectinn in every way ... in a country that large with a closed

kind of society, they can build

and store things that we can't

Mr. Weinberger will fly to Sta-vanger for an NPG meeting on

Thursday and Friday at which

Atlantic alliance defeuce minis-

ters will take up the arms issue

and what it means for Western

With some doubts, NATO has

endorsed U.S. moves toward an

INF agreement with the Soviet

Uninn that would eliminate from Europe "deep strike" missiles with a range of 600 to 3,000 miles

The Western allies are agonis-

ing over how to respond to Mos-

cow's offer tn abolish shorter-

range missiles - those with a

range of 300 to 600 miles (500 to

1.000 kilnmetres) — in Europe. NATO says it has few weapons

in this range and many allies

believe it is too good an offer to

he was not against an SRINF

agreement, but he said any steps

would cost NATO money be-

in getting a NATO consensus and

nnt a reluctant consensus," Mr.

Meanwhile U.S. Secretary of

State Genrge Shultz said Tuesday

the United States wants India to

take a stronger stand in urging

the Soviet Uninn to pull its troops

boon to the subcontinent... if

Soviet military forces gnt out of

Afghanistan and Afghanistan was

allowed tn have a life nf its own,"

he told the U.S.-India business

leaders conference sponsored by

the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

support from India for that point

"We would like to see mnre

Mr. Shultz said he believed

India could be influential with

Moscow on the issue - a major

foreign policy concern for the

Reagan administration, which is

supporting Afghan rebels fighting the Kabul government troops.

"Certainly it would be a great

nut of Afghanistan.

of view," he added.

You have a strong desirability

forces on the Soviet side.

"They (the Soviet Union) can not to pressure the Europeans produce a zero result for an in- with U.S. ideas at Stavanger.

Najib praises Afghan army

MOSCOW (R) — Afghan leader Najib has said the country's armed forces are strong enough

Mr. Weinberger stressed that

(1,000 kilometres).

with memhers refusing to push ahead for early deployment while at the same time refusing to kill it outright.
The Hnuse vnted 122 tn 301 tn

reject an amendment that would have required the Defence Department to begin full-scale development and testing of "Star Wars" components to achieve deployment capability by 1993.

The Hnuse earlier voted 105 tn 307 tn defeat an amendment that would have cut all current funds for SDI and instead provide \$1.2 hillinn to the Defence Department for basic research on missile defence technnlogy.

Mr. Reagan had requested \$5.7 billion in 1988 funding for "Star The House Monday rejected

bids hy Republicans tn raise the amnunt but approved an amendment offered by the Democrats to reduce the level to \$3.1 billion. The Senate Armed Services pretation.

Committe allocated \$4.5 billion for SDI in its 1988 defence bill, on which the full Senate was expected to begin debate this

When both houses have passed their own defence bills, they will compromise on a budget to send to Mr. Reagan, who has vowed to vetn legislation containing arms control limits he opposes. Bnth Hnuse and Senate ver-

sions of the defence bill include measures that would in effect force Mr. Reagan to remain within the traditional interpretation of the 1972 anti-hallistic missile (ABM) treaty, which bans seabased, space-based and mnbile land-hased anti-ballistic missile

The Reagan administration has put forward a new, or brnad, treaty interpretation that would allnw "Star Wars" testing forbidden under the traditional inter-

Aquino urges opposition to respect voters' will

zon Aquinn Wednesday urged apponents complaining of fraud in the Philippine elections to "respect the people's will" and wait for the final results before pronnuncing judgment.

She trild reporters she was happy with Mnnday's elections, which promise a crushing blow to her right-wing and left-wing foes. Opposition politicians allege mas-

sive cheating.
"Why don't they wait until the final results are in? Why dnn't they respect the penple's will?" Mrs. Aquino said after the first cabinet meeting since the vnte.

Unofficial counts give Mrs. Aquinn's Lakas Ng Bayan party a 23-to-one landslide in the 24-seat senate and suggest her coalition administration would also easily dnminate the 200-member lower Cabinet nfficials said govern-

ment ministers were assessing the poll, held to establish the first free legislature in the Philippines since 1972, Strongman Ferdinand Marcos declared martial law and suppressed dissent that year.

toward eliminating medium-and shorter-range missiles in Europe The officials said there had been a score of electoral firsts, cause of massive conventional including: The highest voter turnout, with more than 90 per cent of registered voters casting hallots the largest number of election candidates and the lowest num-Weinberger said, while promising ber of election incidents.

> election is estimated to have been contested by mnre than 2,000 Local Government Secretary

Jaime Ferrer said he reported to the cabinet that three quarters of the 200 places in the house of representatives were likely to go tn the administration.

"A maximum of 50 nppositinn candidates will win in the congress," he said, adding this would areas contributed to the fraud be fewer opposition members and said GAD candidates would than the 64 m Marcos's docile nnt take their seats even if final

The great majnrity of the win-

MANILA (R) — President Cora- ners in congress will be new and not professional politicians. It will be difficult to determine what kind of congress will emerge," Mr. Ferrer said.

Presidential Executive Secretary Jnker Arroyo implicitly acknowledged election officials may have committed "oversight" in some precincts but they did nnt tarnish the overall result. Mrs. Aquino's cabinet met

Wednesday for the first time The two-chamber congress is

expected to convene late next munth forming the first free legislature in the Philippines since With the vote count from Mon-

day's election reaching 17 per cent of 26 million voters, only one opposition candidate, popular movie actor Joseph Estrada, was in the "magic 24" slated for the Juan Ponce Enrile, Mrs.

Aquino's former rebellions defence chief and now leader of the main rightist opposition group Grand Alliance for Democracy (GAD), reached 23rd place in the count during the night hut skidded to 26th by mid-morning.

Analysts said the fight for the

last senate slots remained open and that Mr. Enrile, fighting for political survival after being dismissed from the Aquinn cabinet No figures were given hut the for his alleged roles in coup plots, could still make it. Mr. Enrile, believed to enjoy

wide support in Mrs. Aquino's fractious army, Tuesday issued dark warnings of political turmoil "inf unimaginable magnitude." Mr. Eurile charged widespread

vote manipulation. He also said irregular vnting procedures adapted by the commission on electinn (Comelec) in several results showed any of them tn

News executives disagree on new information order

practically nothing.

"The new information nrder has been around so long now that we might call it the old information nrder," said Los Angeles Times Fnreign Editor Alvin Shuster in a speech at the 36th general assembly of the International Press Institute.

We cannot go along with proposals in restrict the way we cover the world, to focus on only nne side of the story," said Mr. Shuster, though he said he sympathised with some of the new nrder's aims.

BUENOS AIRES (R) — Top Proposals for a new world innews executives have differed on formation order, calling for equal the controversial new world in- access to information systems by formation order but agreed that all nations, have been circulating endless discussions and resolu- in international forums for years tions on the issue have produced and are backed mainly by Third Wnrid countries.

They complain that Western media distart news from the Underdeveloped World and have created a near-monopoly on international communications.

"There can be no talk of freedm of the press and of human rights so lnng as a more just information system and flow of informatinn are relegated to the backgrnund," said Director-General Mihailo Sarannvic nf Yugoslavia's state news agency

LYON, France (R) - Former Gestapo officer Klaus Barbie has denied responsibility for wartime SS ranks.

my superiors were not mistaken. They based their reports on tests.

Assize court presiding Judge Andre Cerdini said the report led to his promotion in 1940 within the elite SS security corps, the

persecutinn of Jews while saying a detailed interrogation of Bar-he merited his promotinn within bie's past. It will be fullnwed by

Earlier on the second day of his trial, Barbie rose to deliver an unexpected and emotionallycharged denial of giving nrders to round up Jews in Lyon, where he served as a Gestapo chief from 1942 to 1944.

"In listening to the charges yesterday and today I thought I was standing before the Nuremberg (war crimes) tribunal," he said, gesticulating, after a nearly six-hour long reading of his in-

Security forces arrest 175 militants in Punjab

NEW DELHI (R) — Security forces in Punjah arrested 175 militant Sikhs Wednesday, including a state cabinet minister, after New Delhi imposed direct rule on the north Indian state. Police, freed from the control nf the state's ousted moderate Sikh government, arrested political and student leaders known to have links with extremists, security nfficials in the state capit-

al Chandigarh told Renters. Official sources said the new government would review some of more than 10,000 official appointments made by the sacked government nf Chief Minister Surjit Singh Barnala.

Prem Singh Chandumajra, cooperation minister in Mr. Barnala's Akali Dal gnvernment who had criticised Punjab's hardbeaded police chief Julio Ribeiro, was arrested at home this morning. Police said it was expected he would be charged with making provocative statements liable to cause a breach of the peace.

Pnlice said the crackdown would continue for two or three

The central government of Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi put Punjab nuder its direct control on Monday and sacked Mr. Barnala. accusing his government of being soft on extremists fighting for an independent Sikh homeland. The new government Wednes-

day reduced the number of body-

guards for Mr. Barnala and his former ministers and took away

Mr. Barnala's bulletproof car. official sources said. More than 1,000 people have heen killed in the Sikh-mainrity

state since Mr. Barnala came to

power in September 1985. Most of those arrested be longed to Akah Dal Party factions and the militant All-India Sikh Students Federation.

The students have been leading a "puriry" campaign against smoking, drinking and hair-cut-ting — all banned by the Sikh

They have killed several liquor store owoers and burned hundreds of liquor, tobacco and bar-

ber's shops this year. Ribeiro, a Catholic from Goa who survived an extremist assassination attempt last year, had complained of being forced to fight with one hand tied behind his hack because of state government interference.

He was due to retire at the end of the month but the government extended his term by one year

New Delhi also sent him more than 6,000 paramilitary reinforcements Tuesday taking the total strength of security forces in the state to nearly 7,000. They come nnder the control of Delhi's appointed Governor Siddartha Shankar Ray, who can also call out the army if needed.

Malta looks to the West after Nationalist victory

VALLETTA (R) — Malta's newly-elected prime minister, Eddie Fenech Adami, pledged to follow pro-Western, free-market policies as calm returned to the island Wednesday after turbulent victory celebrations by the Nationalist Party. The socialist Lahour Party,

ousted after 16 years in office, said about 35 supporters were slightly scratched or bruised in scuffles after the conservative Nationalists narrowly triumphed in Saturday's parliamentary elec-

Labour added that 28 of its clubs were vandalised during the Nationalists' celebrations. "It isn't possible to count the

number of break-ins and thefts from Lahour activists' houses," Lahour Party General Secretary Marie-Louise Coreira told Reuters. The houses included those of two outgoing Labour minis

Cheering, flag-waving motor-cades of Nationalists took to the streets all nver this small Mediterranean island state for more than 24 hours and nnly faded away after Nationalist leader and new Prime Minister Fenech Adami made a televised appeal for calm and order.

Two Labour clubhouses were set ablaze hut damage to most was superficial. Party clubhouses nn village and town squares in Malta are a focal point of society. Nationalist Party officials

pointed out that Lahour Party supporters had attacked Nationalist clubs more than 100 times during Labour's rule and said Nationalist leaders had done their best to prevent revenge

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Groom late for wedding loses bride

BAHRAIN (R) — A wedding in Saudi Arabia took an unexpected turn when the bride's father, angered at the late arrival of the groom, married his daughter instead to one of the guests. The newspaper Akhbar Al Khaleej said the last minute husband was a former suitor of the bride who had been invited to

Tom Cruise marries actress Mimi Rogers

LOS ANGELES (R) — Tom Cruise, last year's box-office star in the hits Top Gun and the Colour of Money, and actress Mimi Rogers were married in New York in a private ceremony, their publicist has said. Cruise, 25, and Rogers, 29, who recently appeared in the film Streetwise with Christopher Reeve, have known each other for about two years and have lived together for at least the past year, publicist Andrea Jaffe said.

Man who tried to crucify himself freed

MOMBASA, Kenya (R) — A man whn tried to crucify himself last Good Friday to give thanks ro God was found not guilty of attempted suicide. David Mugn, 30, was cut from his cross after an accomplice had driven a nail through one hand. Magistrate Samuel Odhiambo bound him over tn keep the peace for 12 months against a bond of 10,000 shillings (\$620). Mugo told reporters after his acquittal that he would try again next Easter in line with his plans to crucify himself seven times to thank God for saving his life at least twice. Mugo, a self-styled artist, says he survived a hus crash in 1978 and later escaped drowning after being thrown off a cargo vessel nn which he had stowed away.

Liberace estate files claim for damages

RIVERSIDE, California (R) — The estate of Liberace has filed a claim for unspecified damages against Riverside County, alleging the entertainer's reputation was damaged by a county coroner who linked his death to AIDS. Coroner Raymond Carrillo is also accused of vinlating state law by nrdering an unnecessary antopsy and of revealing, that Liberace's blood tested positive for the AIDS virus before a cause of death had been determined. Carrillo said: "It is a stupid claim because that was what I was mandated to do. It was a necessary autopsy." He said Liberace, 67, who died in February, succumbed tn a form of pneumnnia caused by acquired immune deficiency syndrome and could have been suffering from AIDS for months or years. Liberace's personal physician, Dr. Ronald Daniels, had listed the cause of death as cardiac arrest brought nn by a form of brain damage. Homosexuals are considered a high-risk group for AIDS infection. Liberace firmly denied allegations of homosexuality. Turkey wants to save rare sea turtles

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ANKARA (AP) — Turkey wants to save rare sea turtles spawned

in a small zone nff the Aegean coast where a hotel may be built, the government's tourism minister has said. Mesut Yilmaz said the government has asked foreign scientists to determine whether any construction work in the reginn would harm the sea turtles He told a news conference that work was started to turn part of the coast used by sea turtles into a national park, "However, we still believe that the 600-bed hotel project which is scheduled to be completed in a year will not pose any danger to the sea turtlesbecause it is 3 kilometres away from the coastal area where they. live," Mr. Yilmaz added. He said there were about 60 sea turtles living in the region. "Each of them lay about 100 eggs annually but only a few baby turtles come out of eggs and manage to survive," he added. The species of sea turtles in the coastal areas. have been identified as Caretta Caretta and Chelonia Mydas-

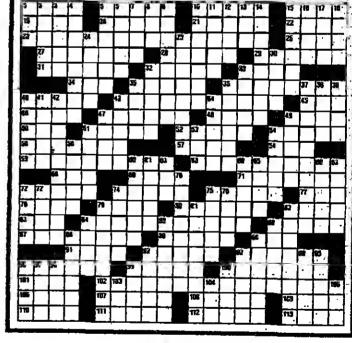
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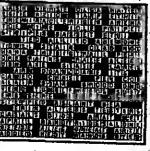
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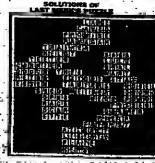
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In the next few weeks, we will be ed. Consider this hand. North's hand is on the borderline

Opening lead: Two of 4

SOUTH

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South West North East i ♥ Pass 3 ↑ Pass 4 ♥ Pass Pass Pass

The bidding:

illustrating bridge from A to Z—literally. The first entry in our bridge-player's dictionary is "avoidance," or how to keep the danger hand off lead. This type of play is sometimes obvious to spot; occasionally, it is deeply conceal-

of a limit and forcing raise to three hearts. Because of his distributional assets, South should go to game even after a limit raise. Declarer knows the opening lead

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GOREN BRIDGE

A IS FOR AVOIDANCE vninerable. South of the two of clubs is almost certainly a singleton, and that is NORTH doubly damaging. Not only does it **♠** K 10 S ∇ J 9 6 4 threaten a quick defensive ruff, but it severs declarer's line of com-**₽** A Q 10 3 like to take a discard on the king of spades, but he has no way to get to

The table.
Obviously, the danger hand is East: if he gains the lead, he will give his partner a ruff. Declarer must hope to find trumps evenly divided and the honors split. The entry to East's hand is in the diamond suit-the fact that West did not lead a top diamond suggests his partner has at least one of them. Can declarer do anything to save

his contract?
Yes. If West holds the jack of spades, all might be well. After winning the first trick, declarer must cash the ace of spades and overtake the queen with the king. Now declarer leads the ten of spades, and if East does not cover with the jack he discards his sin-As the cards tle, the defenders

are helpless. If West wins the first

trump trick, he cannot get to his partner for a ruff; if East wins the

first trump, West will be ruffing with the master heart. Declarer

loses only two trump tricks and a

Barbie denies responsibility for committing war crimes

Asked at his trial for crimes against humaniry Tuesday what he thought of an SS report describing him as an "irreproachable" secret police officer, Barbie said he had been unaware of its existence until his expulsion from Bolivia four years ago.
But he added: "Undonbtedly

Sicherheitsdienst or SD, which he juined in 1935 at the age of 22.

Judge Cerdini was carrying out psychiatrists' reports on the personality of the defendant.